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LampLighters complete successful production of Chicago

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — “Ladies and gentlemen, you are about to see a story of greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery, and treachery... all those things we hold near and dear to our hearts. Thank you... and welcome.”

Those were the words audiences first heard when the curtains opened this past weekend at Wilmington High School’s

production of CHICAGO: High School Edition!

The WHS LampLighters Drama Guild performed at the WHS Joanne Benton Auditorium on May 20 and 21 at 7 p.m., and gave the audience the “ol’ razzle dazzle” for the first time since 2019.

CHICAGO: High School Edition was chosen due to it being the show originally slated to be performed by the LampLighters in spring of 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic canceled perform-

ances and halted the production.

Tickets were sold via cash or Venmo at \$20 and \$10 for students and senior citizens.

In the lobby, a photo wall showcased production photos, a raffle was held where a lucky winner would win a \$100 gift card to Tremazzo, an Italian Restaurant. Friends and family could send the cast (Hershey) Kisses, buy concessions, and donate to the LampLighters guild and the CATS Program

(Wilmington High School’s Choral And Theatre Support).

Inside, Director Michael Barry gave a quick speech welcoming audiences to the show, remarking on his pride in the efforts of the cast and crew, and thanking those who helped support the show, such as the CATS group, WCTV, Wilmington Town Crier, the WHS admin and staff, the photographer, and sponsors and companies.

The first act was a little

over an hour, with some standout numbers including “Cell Block Tango,” “We Both Reached For The Gun” and “Roxie.”

At intermission, the winner of the \$100 Tremazzo raffle was pulled. Barry commented on his thoughts on Opening Night, with an almost full audience watching;

“They (the students) are knocking it out of the park, and I couldn’t be more proud. All I could ask for is for them to work hard, and I hope

they are enjoying themselves tonight, as they deserve it.”

The second act consisted of the trial of Roxie Hart, with fantastic numbers such as “Mr Cellophane,” “When Velma Takes the Stand” and “Razzle Dazzle.”

A few audience members spoke on how they thought opening night went.

Kristine Zuk remarked, “The whole thing is great! Velma (Audrey Curdo ’22)

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Residents firmly against proposed 40B project

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Tensions ran high at the Select Board meeting on Monday night during the presentation for an affordable housing proposal at 79 Nichols St.

Select Board Chair Judy O’Connell opened by explaining she just received a letter from Mass Housing about the application by Golden Realty Trust for 20 units of combined rental and home ownership. She worked with the town manager to bring representatives for the project to the board meeting less than a week later. Through her, the town could provide a comment letter back to Mass Housing by June 17.

Attorney Mike Newhouse, representing the developer, thanked O’Connell for inviting them to the meeting that night despite the board’s inability to vote on the project. While the current plans were conceptual, he said that they would submit more specific plans to the Zoning Board of Ap-

peals, whose meetings would also be public and open to residents, depending on the eligibility approval from Mass Housing.

Kristen Costa, a consultant and permitting agent for the project, detailed that the property of 4.36 acres in total would be developed with four residential houses in the front and 16 apartments in the rear. With one single family home and four apartments offered as affordable, 17 total would count towards the town’s subsidized housing requirements. They compared the density of this property to others proposed in town.

O’Connell reminded the audience that the town received other recent proposals for affordable housing projects — the first being Princeton Properties or Jefferson Place, which was considered a “friendly 40B,” which is stalled in an appeals process; and the second, 100 West St., as an “unfriendly 40B,” which is in consideration by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Board member Greg Bendel added that the Jefferson project was able to be negotiated to a lower number of units and received approval from the town’s Conservation Commission along with the DEP and EPA. However, he mentioned that because 10 residents appealed the

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Select Board recognizes youth hockey team’s success

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Before the Select Board addressed their appointments in their meeting on Monday night, they opened with a moment of silence for a Wilmington resident who recently passed away at the age of 89.

Their first appointment was with the Wilmington Youth Hockey Bantam 1 team in recognition of their successful season and eventual state championship win. Select Board Chair Judy O’Connell read from a previous Town

Crier article where sports editor Jamie Pote wrote that this team won the town’s 7th state championship title in WYH history, along with overcoming all other obstacles that fell in their path.

While they were in the bottom tier to start at states, the team came out on top after beating South Boston in overtime and beating Barnstable in a rematch.

Fellow board members recognized the team’s unselfishness, respect, listening skills, grit, and tenacity as things that they could take into other

parts of life. Greg Bendel shared that he taught some of these boys and knew them as good students in addition to being great athletes.

O’Connell commented that their team spirit would be an example to other communities before Town Manager Jeff Hull presented each team member with a certificate for their win.

The board then invited Gerald Duggan up to receive a recognition for his time on the Historical Commission. O’Connell started by mentioning Duggan’s service to the

town as a firefighter from 1969 to 1991.

After that, Duggan stepped up to volunteer on the Historical Commission from 2003 until 2022. She also noted his volunteer time keeping the DPW garage clean and decorated for holidays, replacing the shutters at the Harnden Tavern, and being a resource about Wilmington’s past.

The board spoke to Duggan’s integrity and devotion to the town.

“I appreciate your dedication and strong desire

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Select Board memos on appointments, projects, legal counsel

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Select Board received a number of communications and updates during their meeting on Monday night related to appointments, projects, and legal counsel.

Town Manager Jeff Hull sent the board three memos on candidate selections at the DPW: a new director, deputy director, and operations manager. He appointed Jamie Magaldi to start as the new director on July 25,

moving up from operations manager. Then, Joe Lobao would be the new deputy director. Jerry Lawrenson was appointed the new operations manager to take Magaldi’s place.

The board took turns recognizing Magaldi for his dedication to the town and fit for this promotion. In response, Magaldi remarked that he’d learned from his father to give 120 percent, and that was all he and his fellow employees at the DPW did.

Some other memos from Hull to the board that

night concerned the Nasau Avenue water tank; completed signal tests and repairs at all railroad crossings; and the billing for the OPMs for both the town hall/school admin building and senior center. He also responded to a request from the previous meeting about the board’s committee designees by listing which board members were on which committees.

The board members discussed where they’d like to stay and be removed but took no action on changes at that time.

Hull shared the letter

from Kristen Costa related to the 40B proposal at 79 Nichols St. comment deadline to Mass Housing, which is June 17, and stated the town’s intention to pursue an extension.

Town Engineer Paul Alunni provided the board an update through a memo that the planned MassWorks project was expected to begin on July 18. He assured residents that fire emergency response personnel would be placed at the highway garage for responding to

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Wilmington Library News:

Last chance to be a seller for the Town Wide Yard Sale

Adult Programs

June 8.

The library will be closed: Saturday, May 28 and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day & Friday, June 3, 9am - 1pm for staff training.

Town-Wide Yard Sale Applications Close on June 4

Applications are now open for the annual Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Sellers — applications available on the website and at the library. The \$15 fee includes two yard sale signs plus directional signs and lots of publicity. The application deadline is Saturday, June 4. Shoppers — maps of yard sale locations will be available at wilmlibrary.org, at the library, and at the Market Basket customer service desk starting Wednesday,

INDOOR All the Lonely People — Film Screening + Q&A

Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m. All The Lonely People is a presentation centered on a documentary film followed by an audience discussion with the filmmakers, which will take place virtually. It places a human face on the hidden epidemic of chronic loneliness and social isolation. Built on hope, it shares the latest research and interventions for individuals and communities and leaves audiences feeling empowered and reconnected. Come to the library for a screening of All The Lonely People, a documentary on social isolation and loneliness and participate in a Q&A with filmmakers, Stu Maddux and

Joseph Applebaum. Funded by Wilmington Family Counseling.

INDOOR Drop-In Tech Help
Tuesday, May 31, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 1, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL 50+ Job Seeking Networking Group
Wednesday, June 1, 9:30 a.m.
Join us in a professional forum for networking with peers in a safe and comfortable environment conducive to developing new relationships and developing skills and strategies to help in your career transition. This week's topic (June 1) is Self-Assessment and Transferable Skills.

INDOOR

Fact Checking

Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m.
Join Technology Librarian Brad McKenna to learn about some fact checking resources to help you better understand media bias.

VIRTUAL

Fiction Critique Group
Saturday, June 4, 9:15 a.m.
Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Youth Programs

INDOOR LEGO Building

Thursday, June 2, 3:45 p.m.

Build with LEGOs at the same time as other LEGO fans at the library. At the end, you can share what you made during the time. Grades K-5

OUTDOOR

Drop-in Storytime
Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.
Grab your jackets and get ready for a fun outdoor storytime! Our storytimes include books, rhymes, music and movement. In the event of inclement weather, recent rain causing the ground to be saturated, or temperatures under 55° or above 80°, storytime will move INDOORS. Ages 2-6

WML In-Person Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our

website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Book Store Next Store,
183 Middlesex Ave.
Open Saturdays & Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2.

The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.



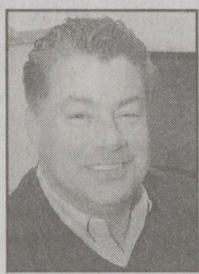
Honoring our fallen law enforcement officers

Recently, the Wilmington Police Department joined with the Woburn Police Department, MIT Police Department and Mass State Police to honor all deceased Wilmington Police Officers as well as three law enforcement officers who were Wilmington residents who gave their lives in service to others. They include Sean Collier, Thomas Devlin and Jack Maguire, among others.

(courtesy photos)

News and notes from WCTV

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WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED TO KNOW WHEN CLASSIFYING WORKERS AS EMPLOYEES OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS: — PART I —

It is critical for business owners to correctly determine whether the individuals providing services are employees or independent contractors.

An employee is generally considered anyone who performs services, if the business can control what will be done and how it will be done. What matters is that the business has the right to control the details of how the worker's services are performed. Independent contractors are normally people in an independent trade, business or profession in which they offer their services to the public. Doctors, dentists, veterinarians, lawyers, accountants, contractors, subcontractors, public stenographers or auctioneers are generally independent contractors.

Independent contractor vs. employee: Whether a worker is an independent contractor, or an employee depends on the relationship between the worker and the business. Generally, there are three categories to consider:

- Behavioral control — does the company control or have the right to control what the worker does and how the worker does the job?
- Financial control — does the business direct or control the financial and business aspects of the worker's job? Are the business aspects of the worker's job controlled by the payer? Things like how the worker is paid, are expenses reimbursed, who provides tools/supplies, etc.
- Relationship of the parties — are there written contracts or employee type benefits such as pension plan, insurance, vacation pay? Will the relationship continue and is the work performed a key aspect of the business?

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Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

Meet George Cox — WCTV Operations Manager

George joined WCTV in May 2022. George started his journey in PEG Access

over 20 years ago in Wakefield where he created the nationally award-winning "Twist TV" seen in 33 cities and four states including Boston and New York.

He interviewed many upcoming local acts, radio DJs, industry professionals and music superstars,

including Britney Spears, Melissa Etheridge, and Five for Fighting. He also was a guest correspondent for the Emmy-winning "Chowdah" on the ATT&3 Network.

Seeing a lack of programming for the LGBT audience he created "Toniq TV" to showcase pla-

ces, events, news, and health issues for the LGBTQ community.

George also hosted and produced news magazine-style shows for several communities that received first place awards in The Alliance for Community Media. WCTV is thrilled to add George to our team.

Stop by and meet him at WCTV to brainstorm your ideas for programming and more! If you can't find George at WCTV, stop by and visit him while he's hosting "Cox Karaoke" in the greater Manchester, NH area in his free time.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Wednesday, June 1, 6 p.m.:
Town Hall/School Administration Bldg. Committee
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Community Update on Olin Chemical Superfund Site:

Throughout the spring, EPA held a series of interviews to further understand community members' concerns about the site. The feedback will be incorporated into a Community Involvement Plan (CIP), which will guide EPA's community involvement process for the site. EPA aims to have a draft CIP completed this summer for public review and comment.

EPA is continuing to oversee subsurface investigation activities in areas east, north, and west of the 51 Eames Street Olin property. The purpose of these studies is to confirm the depth and shape of the bedrock surface to improve the efficiency of remediation within the aquifer.

In May, Olin will begin a study to evaluate options to treat "Dense Aqueous Phase Liquid" (or "DAPL") and contaminated groundwater that will be pumped out of the aquifer. EPA estimates that the study, called a "treatability study," will take 9-10 months to complete.

EPA continues its negotiations with the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) for the site, with the goal of reaching an agreement (a Consent Decree) to conduct or finance the cleanup actions selected in EPA's March 2021 Record of Decision.

For more information on the site please visit www.epa.gov/superfund/olin or scan the QR code with a mobile device.



For more information or any questions, please contact:

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OBITUARIES

Judith 'Judy' Rachdorf Worked at the New England Conservatory

Judith "Judy" Rachdorf, age 79, of Wilmington, passed away on May 20, 2022, at the Bear Hill Nursing Center in Stoneham.

Judy was born on Nov. 24, 1942, in Franklin, NH; she was the cherished only child of Ernest J. and Marion (Walker) Decato. Judy was raised in Tilton, NH and graduated from Tilton Northfield High School.

Following graduation, Judy attended Wheaton College, where she studied music. She also earned her master's degree in education from Northeastern University.

Judy went to work at the New England Conservatory in Boston; as a phonograph record librarian where she thoroughly enjoyed her position and met Robert A. Rachdorf.

Judy and Bob were married on July 13, 1968. They moved to Wilmington where they raised their two sons, Eric, and Kurt. Judy was a devoted mother who enjoyed spending time with her sons and supporting their scouting and school events.

Judy was a talented musician; she was an avid flute player and taught

music class. Judy enjoyed teaching others her musical passion. Judy worked in purchasing for the Brockway-Smith Company in Andover for 27 years before retiring.

Judy was an active member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church. She was involved in many church functions including United Methodist Conference, UMW, Social concerns committee, Book group, Bible Study, Choir and teaching handbell choir.

Judy also enjoyed her time at the Senior Center in Wilmington; she made many friends and loved to participate in the activities at the Center.

Judy was a loving mother and "Grandma"; she was very active in their lives and loved to hear what was new and exciting. Judy will be missed by her family, friends and her beloved cat Schatzi who has a loving new home with a family friend.

Judy was the beloved wife of the late Robert A. Rachdorf, devoted mother of Eric Rachdorf and his wife Sherry of Nashua, NH, and Kurt Rachdorf and his wife Michelle of



Burlington, loving "Grandma" of Damian Rachdorf and his wife Kaitlyn and Katrina Rachdorf. Judy is also survived by many loving friends.

Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Service at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Friday, May 27 at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations in Judy's name may be made to the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Vincent J. Yentile Served in the US Army during Korean War

Vincent J. Yentile, fondly known as "Vinny" or "Papa" to his family and friends, age 94, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at his daughter's home on Sunday, May 22, 2022, with his loving family by his side.

He was the beloved husband of the late Lillian V. (Stanley) Yentile, with whom he had share many wonderful years of marriage, prior to her passing in 1974.

Vinny was born in Arlington on Oct. 6, 1927; he was the dear son of the late Rocco and Rose (D'Agostino) Yentile. Vinny moved with his family to Wilmington in 1934 and made it his lifelong home. He, along with his siblings were raised and educated in Wilmington and all worked hard on the family farm for many years.

Vinny was inducted into the United States Army on Oct. 26, 1950, during the Korean War. Vinny served overseas and was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star and the U. N. Service Medal.

He was honorably discharged on Oct. 18, 1952, returning home to his family in Wilmington.

Vinny went to work for the B & M Railroad; with his hard work ethic and great people skills he was able to work his way

through the ranks. Vinny retired as a Stationary Engineer following many years of dedicated service to the railroad.

Vinny was also co-owner of Yentile's Farm in Wilmington where he tirelessly worked nights and weekends tending to the flowers and vegetable crops. Vinny worked alongside his siblings for many years; he was always great to his customers and had many loyal followers at the farm.

In his free time, Vinny lived for hot weather and to bask in the sun; he had that "year-round tan." Vinny also loved to tend to his flowers, take care of his "pristine" Cadillac and looked forward to his Saturday nights out and about on the town (always dressed to impress).

Vinny loved his family unconditionally and looked forward to the many wonderful times they spent together. He was a very quiet and unassuming guy with a heart of gold, and he will forever be missed by all who loved him.

Vinny was the devoted father of Lisa (Therault) Dupont and her husband Bob of Wilmington, Linda Forrest of Sutton, Carol Bridden of Millbury, Kathleen Wesley of Black Canyon City, AZ, Christine Lena of Sturbridge, the late Daniel Swanson, Louis Francks, Diane Francks, and Vincent Yentile, Jr.

Vinny was the dear brother of Theresa "Terry" Garey of North Reading,



the late Viola "Vicki" Webb, Joseph Yentile, George Yentile, Frank Yentile, Samuel Yentile and Rocco Yentile.

Vinny is further survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and their families.

Friends and family will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Friday, May 27 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 10 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will take place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, May 26 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Vincent's memory may be made to the Local Heroes, Inc., P. O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887.

To leave an online message or condolence, please visit www.nicholsfuneralhome.com.

School Committee discusses public records requests

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury School Committee met on May 11, 2022 at TMHS. All members were present.

Brenda Theriault-Regan shared her superintendent and staff report. She recognized Ryan School students Brennan Howell and Evelyn Goldstein for being selected to attend the National Invention Convention in Michigan and present their inventions — a computer binder holder and attendance tracker for teachers, respectively.

Theriault-Regan thanked Ryan iSTEM teachers Eileen Lindsey and Kim Hillson for their support. She also highlighted National Teacher and Principal Appreciation Day and National School Nurses Day in May.

Theriault-Regan shared that administrators recently filed an outdoor pest management plan for schools, and are planning summer school programming. She also highlighted several upcoming recognition opportunities, including the Ginsburg Family Award, the Polimeno Outstanding Educator Award, and the VFW student essay contests.

Theriault-Regan shared reports from school principals on two successful student trips to Costa Rica and the western national parks. Eighth grade students from the Wynn Middle School will be traveling next to Washington DC.

Theriault-Regan celebrated a successful annual art show and noted that best of show artwork will be posted on the district website. She also introduced Heath Brook principal Felicia Cenovic as the new district director of literacy starting July 1.

Business Manager Dave Libby shared data about

open meeting law violation complaints and public records requests after member Keith Sullivan asked that Libby pull information on how much time and money the district spends on fielding requests.

In 2020, the district received nine public records requests that required legal assistance costing \$750, and received one open meeting law violation complaint that required legal assistance costing \$125.

In 2021, the district received 61 such public records requests costing \$10,713, and 12 such open meeting law complaints costing \$2,550. So far in 2022, the district has received 23 such public records requests costing \$2,329 and six open meeting law complaints costing \$1,875.

Libby explained that other simple requests are directly handled by administrators without legal assistance and he will continue to research how much time and money is spent compiling information for the legal team to get a better understanding of the total resources devoted to fulfilling requests.

"By bombarding our administration with 93 public records requests, that doesn't allow this district to focus on the most important aspect of why we're all here," said School Committee member Rich Russo.

Member Nick Parsons revisited a question he asked at a prior meeting: "What could we be doing as a committee to address these problems and get to the core of the matter on these requests?"

The Massachusetts Public Records Law states that each person has a right of access to public information, including documentary materials and data. Requestors are not required to provide a rea-

son for making a request, and all requestors must be treated equally with respect to the response to their requests. Records must be produced within 10 business days after the request is filed.

The committee also addressed the attorney general's findings regarding an open meeting law complaint from the committee's Feb. 9 meeting, alleging that member Keith Sullivan twice whispered to other members "in a manner that was not audible to the public." The attorney general found that there was not a violation of open meeting law because he only communicated with individuals rather than a quorum of the committee.

The committee reviewed and approved the 2022-2023 PreK-4 student handbook, and voted to approve the 2023 draft School Committee meeting schedule. The committee also voted to appoint Theriault-Regan as the district's Valley Collaborative board member for 2022-2023.

Libby presented FY23 budget transfers that were introduced too late to be presented at Town Meeting and would fund needs of the district. The committee voted to approve the amendments.

Committee chair Bridget Garabedian applauded performing arts students for successful performances of "Mamma Mia!" at TMHS and "The Internet Is Distract — OH LOOK A KITTEN!" at the Wynn Middle School, which took home a gold medal at competition. Members highlighted upcoming end of year events, including prom and graduation, and reminded students to make good choices.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022. The meeting may be viewed on Comcast channel 22 and Verizon channel 34.

Tewksbury PD charges three with drug offenses

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested three individuals on drug distribution charges as a result of two investigations early this week.

Angela Gallo, age 32, of Somerville, was arrested and charged with:

- Possession With Intent to Distribute a Class B Substance (Adderall)
- Possession With Intent to Distribute a Class E substance (Xanax)
- Possession of a Class B Substance

Brandon Seeley, age 34, of Somerville, was arrested and charged with:

- Possession With Intent to Distribute a Class B Substance (Adderall)
- Possession With Intent to Distribute a Class E substance (Xanax)
- Operating With A Suspended License
- Motor Vehicle Lights Violation

Keiser Diaz, age 25, of Lawrence, was arrested and charged with:

- Distribution of a Class B substance (Oxycodone)
- Distribution of a Class D substance (Marijuana)
- Possession of a Class B Substance (MDMA) with Intent to Distribute
- Possession of a Class E Substance (Alprazolam) with Intent to Distribute
- Possession of a Class D Substance (Marijuana) with Intent to Distribute
- Possession of a Class

B Substance (Adderall)

On Sunday, May 22, at approximately 1:22 a.m., a Tewksbury police officer stopped a white Cadillac with an inoperative headlight on Andover Street. The driver, identified as Seeley, was taken into custody after it was determined his license was suspended.

A subsequent search of the vehicle located numerous tablets of Adderall and Xanax, a small amount of Suboxone, as well as more than \$4,000 in cash. Gallo, a passenger, also was charged.

On Monday, May 23, at approximately 8 p.m., Tewksbury police detectives were conducting surveillance in the area of 1785 Andover St., when they observed what they believed was a drug transaction between an individual in a car and a clerk at

a nearby business.

Detectives approached the clerk, identified as a 17-year-old juvenile. A brief investigation located a bag containing a small amount of marijuana and several Oxycodone tablets.

Detectives approached the individual in the car, identified as Diaz. During the investigation officers discovered a small amount of marijuana, cash, MDMA, alprazolam, and Adderall. An investigation determined that DIAZ allegedly sold the male juvenile a small amount of marijuana and Oxycodone. Diaz was taken into custody. The 17-year-old was released to his parents and will be summonsed to court to face charges.

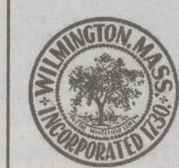
These are allegations. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



In Loving Memory of
Paula E. Post
May 31, 1943 –
September 6, 2008

My wife and mother of my children. If you knew her, you were fortunate enough to know the most beautiful and loving person ever born. She was a wife, a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister and a friend. I will always love her.

Richard A. Post



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

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Notice of Vegetation Management Control Operations

The Town of Wilmington will be selectively spraying herbicides along roadsides within Town owned Rights of Way, pursuant to 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management, as defined in the Town's five-year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for 2020-2024 and Yearly Operations Plan (YOP) for 2022. This treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program which also utilizes mechanical and natural control techniques to control roadside weeds and invasive vegetation.

Foliar treatments and cut stump applications using herbicides approved for use near sensitive areas will take place between June 1, 2022 and October 21, 2022. The exact time is dependent upon weather conditions and field crew availability. Treatments will be made by Wilmington DPW licensed / certified applicators using the herbicides listed in the Yearly Operations Plan, as referenced on the Wilmington DPW's Tree Division / Vegetation Management website at http://wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/WilmingtonMA_PublicWorks/tree.

Technical questions related to the treatment program, VMP, or YOP may be directed to DPW Operations Manager Jamie Magaldi at 978-658-4481, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.



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Baker-Polito Administration announces COVID boosters available for children 5-11

BOSTON — Following updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Baker-Polito Administration announced that all Massachusetts residents ages 5-11 are eligible to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 booster. The booster should be administered at least five months after completion of a primary COVID-19 vaccine series to provide continued protection against COVID-19.

Children ages 5 to 11 are able to receive the Pfizer Pediatric COVID-19 booster from hundreds of locations across the Commonwealth, ranging from retail pharmacies, primary care practices, community health centers, hospital systems, state-supported vaccination sites and mobile clinics.

"Just as it does for adults, getting a booster dose will provide continued protection for this age group against COVID-19 and its variants, and that's good news," said DPH Chief Medical Officer Estevan Garcia. "As a pediatrician and as a parent, I want to stress that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11 is safe and effective in preventing severe illness and hospitalizations in children, and I encourage parents and families to get their children boosted and contact their health care provider if they have any questions."

How to find a pediatric COVID-19 booster appointment:

- Parents who prefer to have their child vaccinated by their primary care

provider should call their provider's office directly.

- Visit the VaxFinder tool at vaxfinder.mass.gov for a full list of hundreds of available locations. Residents will be able to narrow results to search for locations offering the Pfizer pediatric COVID-19 vaccine, with some appointments available now for booking. Additional appointments will be available online in the coming days. Many locations will be booking appointments out weeks in advance.

- For individuals who are unable to use VaxFinder, or have difficulty accessing the internet, the COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line (Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) is available by calling 2-1-1. The COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line is available in English and Spanish and has translators available in approximately 100 additional languages.

The COVID-19 booster is safe, effective, and free. Additional information on the COVID-booster, including FAQs, can be found at mass.gov/covidvaccinekids.

Vaccines are widely available across the Commonwealth and the best protection against COVID-19 is remaining up to date on vaccinations and boosters. A fully vaccinated person is much less likely to get sick or spread the virus that causes COVID-19, especially if they have their booster shot.

Learn more at <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

Sen. Tarr serves up outdoor dining table

BOSTON — Restaurant patrons have enjoyed an opportunity to dine out while dining outside and with the approval of a budget amendment offered by Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr cities and towns will be empowered to make outdoor dining a permanent part of the menu.

With nearly 16,000 restaurants in state impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, and more than 3,000 permanently shuttered, Tarr is offering to lift the restrictions baked into the new laws aimed at improving public health and safety while giving restaurant managers a way to keep the kitchens open and staffed.

State lawmakers and regulators made way for a temporary return to limited indoor dining and outdoor dining in June of last year as part of Phase II of the Reopening Plan, exceptions are set to expire April 1, 2023.

"We know that customers have embraced outdoor dining and the restaurant owners in Massachusetts found it to be an effective way to attract clients and recoup some of the massive losses from the re-

strictions," said Sen. Tarr (R-Gloucester). "I am proposing allowing local licensing authorities in municipalities, where health and safety inspections and permitting are already happening, to have the option of granting a permanent extension for outdoor dining. Outdoor table service for patrons on a sidewalk, patio, deck, or under awnings helps with social distancing and patron choice."

Restaurants offering outdoor options under Tarr's proposal, Local Opt-In For Permanent Outdoor Dining, will still be required to meet COVID-19 safety guidelines and comply with state and local regulations and building, fire, electrical, and plumbing codes related to providing accessible routes and accessible tables and seating.

"Doing this will be a major victory for restaurants, for patrons, for cities and towns to collect meals taxes, and for all those who are employed by restaurants and all of the other trades that provide the supplies — a foundation in the road to restaurant recovery."

Sen. Tarr leads effort to fully fund regional school transportation costs in state budget

BOSTON — Regional school districts struggling to meet the rising costs of transporting students will get a boost under a proposal from Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr to fully fund the state's obligation.

Tarr, who has proposed adding \$14.5 million to a line item in the state Senate's budget up for debate next week, pointed out that the appropriation was last funded fully over 20 years ago. The Senate budget uses a rate of reimbursement at 85 percent.

Although existing state law requires that the Commonwealth shall reimburse districts "to the full extent of the amounts expended for such transportation" funding is subject to annual appropriation. Organizations including the legislatively created Special Commission

on Improving Efficiencies Relative to Student Transportation, the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools, and State Auditor Suzanne Bump say that funding levels are consistently insufficient and exacerbate financial challenges faced by the schools.

"It's been decades since the state actually met the obligation it made to pay the full share of bus-sing school children to regional schools and it creates an unfair strain that ultimately takes a toll on kids and their families," said Sen. Tarr (R-Gloucester) a consistent advocate for full-funding. "Some regional districts are just a town or two while others have a dozen towns spread out of 500 miles — school transportation is an important component of school and municipal budgets and

they deserve our support."

Student transportation requirements are governed by both state and federal statutes and regulations. Funding for regional school transportation, affirmed in Chapter 71, a state law adopted more than 70 years ago, is appropriated through a budget line item in the state's annual operating budget. However, unlike other city and town districts, regional school districts are required to bus students in every grade and usually over much longer distances.

"Every student deserves access to high quality education but regional school face real challenges because budgets have funded set reimbursements at between 70 and 85 percent of their student transportation costs. And, unlike other forms of education

funding, regional transportation funds are not apportioned based on need," said Tarr.

Regional schools, whether academic, vocational or charter, are provided with state transportation funding for students by way of a reimbursement. The state used to pay regional districts for 100 percent of the costs of transporting students, but the fund has not reached that level for 20 years.

Some regional school districts were likely induced to form, at least in part, due to an expectation of this funding. With the adoption of the Tarr transportation amendment those expectations can be once again fulfilled.

The Senate is expected to take up the budget bill in debate beginning Tuesday.

Man pleads guilty in connection with contractor scam that resulted in over one million in losses

TEWKSBURY — Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan has announced that Pasqualino Vittorio Spadorcia pled guilty in connection with repeatedly and continually committing larceny by contracting to perform substantial home improvement repairs and projects with no intentions of completing the projects.

In total, Spadorcia was successful in cheating the 17 victims named in the indictment out of over \$1 million dollars. There have been more than 100 home owner-victims identified during the course of the investigation, with additional victims coming forward since the indictment.

Spadorcia entered pleas of guilty to 17 counts of larceny by false pretenses and being a common and notorious thief. Judge Janice Howe sentenced him to serve 8-10 years in state prison with probation to follow. The probation includes conditions that he seek and maintain employment, that he not apply for a Contractor's License for Home Improvements from the Commonwealth, that he file federal and state tax returns as required, an-

nually, and provide a copy to probation, that he annually provide probation a statement of assets and liabilities, income and expenses, that he begin making restitution payments through the probation department after a 'Henry' hearing (to determine his financial wherewithal to make restitution payments), which hearing is to be scheduled six months after his release from prison.

The court found that the total amount of restitution due and owing the victims named in the indictment is \$1,148,737.67.

"This defendant repeatedly and intentionally cheated homeowners of their money by lying about both his expertise and the legitimacy of his business," said District Attorney Ryan. "Further, he made explicit efforts to create a false image of legitimacy which significantly hindered victim's ability to conduct their own research of the business before engaging in business with him. His actions cost homeowners significant financial loss and worse, despite spending their money, the home renovations were never completed."

From 2018 - 2021, Pasqualino Spadorcia owned and operated Design Concepts Pro Contractors, Inc., a home improvement company operating and licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and doing business out of his home in Tewksbury. The Massachusetts Secretary of State dissolved the corporation in December, 2021.

To give the impression of a legitimate business, Spadorcia established a website for Design Concepts on which he placed multiple stock photos, easily found on the internet, of various home improvement construction projects which he falsely represented as depicting work undertaken and completed by his business.

He also paid to get Design Concepts listed on Angie's List, with the expectation that homeowners seeking contractors there would see his business, read the reviews of supposed "satisfied customers," and hire him. Spadorcia artificially inflated his ratings on Angie's List by submitting dozens of bogus, but exceedingly flowery, positive reviews, so that the positive reviews far

outnumbered the negative reviews submitted by actual clients of the defendants.

Once Spadorcia had a contract with a client, he would and did seek substantial deposits at the time the contracts were signed, frequently exceeding the one third of the total contract price allowed by the law of the Commonwealth, specifically G.L. c. 142A, § 2(6). Often times he would delay beginning the work or do no work at all at the property, but not return the money.

His scams also included conducting and charging clients for unnecessary demolition, collecting payment for supplies such as kitchen fixtures and cabinets but never ordering the items and failing to pay subcontractors.

Over the course of four years, Spadorcia stole from homeowners in Middlesex County, as well as in Essex, Norfolk, Worcester, Plymouth, Bristol, and Suffolk Counties as well as in New Hampshire.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Doug Cannon and Michael Klunder. The victim witness advocate was Rene Leone.

TMHS student arrested after allegedly shared photo of student using bathroom

TEWKSBURY — Police are investigating an incident involving an 18-year old Tewksbury Memorial High School student and a 15-year old TMHS student.

According to a report from the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, police arrested the 18-year old, identified as Jason Dipremio, after he allegedly photographed another student using the bathroom and shared the image on Snapchat.

The DA's Office charged

the student with photographing a minor in a state of nudity and disseminating a photo of a minor in a state of nudity. He was arraigned in Lowell District Court and held on \$500 bail. He is expected back in court on Aug. 4. Officials at the school said the incident was brought to their attention by other students. They are also working with local police during the investigation.

In a statement from prin-

cipal Jon Bernard, the school said Dipremio violated the "acceptable use of policy of the school dis-

trict and in doing so, has used technology in a way that violated student privacy rights."

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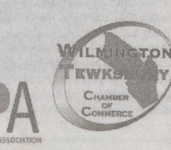
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Book Stew Review 'The Golden Couple' by Greer Hendricks

By EILEEN
MACDOUGALL

This is a well-written, suspenseful domestic thriller featuring two simultaneous plots: a husband and wife trying to get back together after her one-night stand; and the notoriously rogue therapist

helping them, who's got her own problems.

One of those mysteries that makes you happy to jump into bed at night to turn pages! Any more gives away too much, but I expect that Netflix has already optioned this novel.

Lifestyle

HONOR THE FALLEN SOLDIERS THIS MEMORIAL DAY

By **HEATHER BURNS**

Memorial Day weekend has long been thought of as the "official" start of the summer season. Many equate the last weekend in

May as a time for opening summer cottages, dusting off the lawn furniture, and uncovering the swimming pool for the upcoming vacation season.

While most do celebrate Memorial Day attending parades and family cook-

outs, Memorial Day is much more than a commencement for summer fun.

It is a call to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives for their country while serving in the U.S. military.

We are all familiar with the somber, public ceremonies held by officials to honor our military heroes, but there are many ways a private citizen can also show their gratitude for sacrifices made by our fallen military members this Memorial Day.

Originally known as Decoration Day, this day of remembrance was started after the Civil War as a designated time to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers.

By the 1900's, Decoration Day, celebrated on May 30, was changed to Memorial Day to honor all Americans who have died in military service.

The tradition of the decorated gravestone is still practiced today with the placement of American

flags and bouquets of flowers and plants.

Many families choose to decorate the gravesite of a loved one, or volunteer to decorate for other fallen soldiers.

For those unable to participate in decorating a gravestone or military monument, you can still honor American soldiers with a donation to The Memorial Day Foundation.

A small, monetary donation can sponsor a floral wreath for a designated friend or family member, or can be donated to distribute flowers equally to one of the many war memorials listed on their website.

Another way to honor Memorial Day is to help provide financial support for the families of the fallen.

Donations to organizations such as the USO or TAPS (the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) is a great way to honor our fallen heroes. These organizations provide financial and emotional support to bereaved families of the troops that have died while serving their country.

Community members can also pay tribute by observ-



◀ Memorial Day graveside decorations.
(Heather Burns photos)

ing the National Moment of Remembrance.

Officially recognized since the year 2000 by both a Congressional Resolution and a Presidential Proclamation, every Memorial Day at 3 p.m. (local time) is dedicated as an act of National Unity by observing one minute of silence. This is a perfect time to reflect upon the many sacrifices that were made for the good of our Nation.

Of course, proudly flying the American flag is a way to show your patriotism any day of the year, but on Memorial Day, be sure to use proper mourning etiquette.

On Memorial Day, the flag should be kept at half staff until noon. After 12 p.m., it should be raised back to its peak position.

This Memorial Day week-

end, after you take out those white, summer shorts and make up your favorite potato salad recipe, be sure to take some time to remember what this weekend is really all about.

Whether you engage in a public ceremony, decorate a loved one's grave, donate to one of the many military support charities, or simply reflect with a moment of silence, the time to honor and say "thank you" to our fallen military heroes is the least we can do for the great sacrifice they have made.

For more information on donating to the Memorial Day Foundation, visit www.memorialdayfoundation.org.

For help in finding other military support charities, visit www.operationwearehere.com.

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
News Correspondent

Monkeypox reemerges after nearly 50 years

When the CDC announced the first presumptive case of monkeypox in the United States earlier this month, it was stated to have been detected in a Massachusetts resident. According to the CDC, clusters of monkeypox are also being investigated in other countries, and most recently in other states, including Florida.

While the disease is known to have originated in Central Africa, cases being detected in over 80 countries now are in persons who have not visited the African continent at all.

Monkeypox is a poxvirus that is spread through

bodily fluids, sores, bedding or clothing that has come in contact with sores, or through respiratory droplets. The CDC website states that monkeypox on surfaces can be killed with common household disinfectants, but the spread, while small, should not be taken lightly.

The primary clusters of monkeypox identified are being defined in males who have sexual relations with other males, though the CDC reports that anyone exposed to another person with monkeypox can be at risk for catching the virus.

Monkeypox was first dis-

covered in 1958 among colonies of research monkeys; the first recorded case of monkeypox in humans occurred in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1970. The disease did not have a recorded case in 40 years prior to 2017; however, approximately 450 cases have been reported since then.

The disease is characterized by swollen lymph nodes and rashes. Much like the coronavirus, infected individuals can be asymptomatic for several days before symptoms become visible, making it difficult to track and stop transmission.

There is no known cure for monkeypox; however, antivirals used to treat smallpox have been implemented with success to help patients. The CDC is assessing the nation's vaccine stock to help send therapeutics around the world to treat the increase in global cases. Smallpox vaccines are thought to be about 85 percent effective in preventing monkeypox.

According to the World Health Organization, small-

pox — the only infectious human disease to have been eradicated — was more easily transmitted and more fatal than monkeypox. Through a global campaign of vaccination, the disease was declared eradicated in 1980.

However, unvaccinated populations are more susceptible to monkeypox infection. Scientists and epidemiologists have stayed vigilant that a reoccurrence of smallpox could

happen through an accident or deliberate release, and global preparedness continues through the development of vaccines and diagnostic technology.

However, these tools and strategies could also be deployed to contain the spread of monkeypox.

While risk to the general public remains low, public health officials urge anyone who experiences unfamiliar rashes to contact a health care provider.

To learn more, visit www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox.

21 students named to President's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the winter 2022 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12

credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms (EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6).

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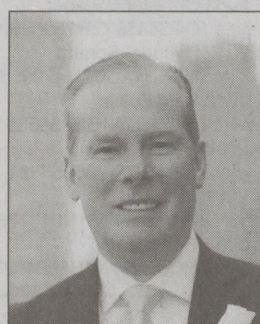
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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 7-22
Michael Rotondi
Map 90, Parcel 100
4 Dorothy Avenue

– to acquire a Special Permit for the Ground Water Protection District Section 6.6.7.7

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI22P2254EA

Estate of:
James Palmer McCarthy
Also Known As:
Seamus McCarthy,
James P. McCarthy
Date of Death: 11/13/2021

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Christine P. Taylor of Cheshire CT

Christine P. Taylor of Cheshire CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Stuart's Automotive 97 Tanner Street, Lowell, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after May 26, 2022 starting at 10:00 am by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

- 2010 Jeep Patriot VIN 1J4NF2GB9AD505689
- 2012 Chrysler 200 VIN 1C3CCBAB2CN211454
- 2019 Apollo Street Bike VIN L08YCNF00K1000473
- 2017 Chevrolet Cruze VIN 1G1BC5SM7H7269363
- 2011 Ford Explorer VIN 1FMHK8D82BGA55339
- 2013 Ford Focus VIN 1FADP3F29DL329958

Vehicles are being stored at Stuart's Automotive and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed
Kevin Stuart
Stuart's Automotive
5/11, 5/28, 5/25
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

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Docket No. MI22P2442EA

Estate of: James R. Carey
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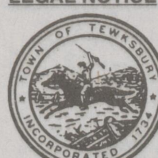
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Elizabeth R. Marshall of Gardner NC

Elizabeth R. Marshall of Gardner NC has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for TREE SERVICES REMOVAL, Contract PW-22-25 and ASPHALT ROAD REPAIRS, Contract PW-22-26 will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 10:00 AM, on June 2, 2022 at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work under contract PW-22-25 shall consist of tree removals at various locations owned by the Town.

The Work under contract PW-22-26 shall consist of asphalt road repairs on various Town roads owned by the Town.

Contract Documents are available after 1:00 PM local time on Thursday, May 12, 2022 by sending an e-mail request to Assistant Director, David Lizotte at dilzotte@tewbksbury-ma.gov. No monetary deposit is required to obtain electronic documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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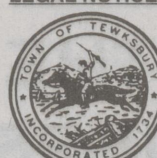
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Notice is hereby given by Christopher's Towing 76 Riverneck Road, Chelmsford, MA, and 91 Maple Street Unit 11, Lowell, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after June 9, 2022 beginning at 10:00 am by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Christopher's Towing and may be viewed by appointment only.

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- 2002 Volvo S60 VIN YV1RS61R022195083
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- 2012 Hyundai Sonata VIN 5NPB4AC0CH470956
- 2012 Ford Fusion VIN 3FAHP0JA4CR336539
- 2008 Saturn Astra VIN W08AR671985056621
- 2001 Audi A8 VIN WAUML54D31N013166
- 2004 Honda Civic VIN 2HGES257X4H562492

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2022 at 7:05 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Tree House Brewing Company on behalf of Tewksbury Country Club LLC for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install a walk-in cooler connected to the existing structure as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 85 Livingston Street, Assessor's Map 85, Lot 45-UB01, zoned Mixed Use Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewbksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
220714 5/25, 6/1/22

- 2019 Honda Odyssey VIN 2HKRL1861XH534280
- 2006 Subaru Legacy VIN 4S4BP61C067327154
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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P2581EA

Estate of: Michael Riddle
Date of Death: 09/26/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gretchen Marie Fielding of Wilmington MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Gretchen Marie Fielding of Wilmington MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/13/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

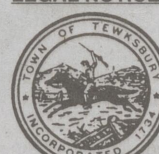
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 16, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
220690 5/25/22

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
ROADWAY
MICRO SURFACING
CONTRACT NO. PW-22-19

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROADWAY MICRO SURFACING CONTRACT PW-22-19, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. In the event the DPW offices are closed due to inclement weather, the bid opening will be postponed until the next day the DPW offices are open.

The total contract price of this contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, tools, equipment, and materials necessary for the complete and satisfactory performance as determined in the sole discretion of the Town.

A MassDOT pre-qualification certificate of approval will be required to bid on the Contract. Contract Documents are available after 1:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, May 19, 2022 by going to www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 850117 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact

www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check or security bond in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid Opening to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades' people who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30, § 39M. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

RICHARD MONTUORI,
TOWN MANAGER
TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
220710 5/25/22

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Third Avenue, Wilmington, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Anthony Fiore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Firsttrust Bank, said mortgage dated March 8, 2017, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 30969 at Page 142 and now held by Firsttrust Bank by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Firsttrust Bank to Firsttrust Bank dated January 24, 2018 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 31821, Page 228 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on June 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with the buildings thereon, in the westerly part of Wilmington, off Hopkins Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southerly corner of the granted premises thence

SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Matilda F. Johnson, 200 feet to a stone wall; thence

NORTHWESTERLY by the wall and land formerly of Charles Hopkins, 217 feet to a stake; thence

NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of William A. Cameron, 260 feet to a stake; thence

SOUTHEASTERLY still by land now or formerly of William A.

Cameron, 200 feet to a stake at the corner at the point of beginning,

Containing 47,955 square feet of land, more or less, together with the right of way granted in the Deed from William A. Cameron to Anna Elizabeth Swanson, dated September 4, 1916, recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 561, Page 68.

FOR TITLE, see deed dated March 27, 2006 recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 19934, Page 252.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 19934 at Page 252 with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds.

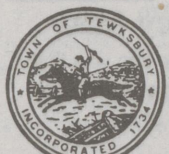
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Firsttrust Bank
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868
220565 5/25, 6/1, 8/22

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

To the owners of the hereinafter described parcels of land situated in TEWKSBURY in the county of MIDDLESEX and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to all others concerned:

You are hereby notified that on Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53 as amended, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes –

It is my intention to take for TEWKSBURY the following parcels of land for non-payment after demand, of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

KELLY L ODAMS

937 NORTH ST REALTY TRUST, DAVID WARD, TRUSTEE TKACHUK EXCAVATING INC, LAND & BUILDING located at 927 NORTH ST in TEWKSBURY containing 22,247.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 005200120000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 12507/235. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$3,383.96.

937 NORTH ST REALTY TRUST, DAVID WARD, TRUSTEE TKACHUK EXCAVATING INC, LAND located at NORTH ST in TEWKSBURY containing 1.330 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 005200260000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 12455/213. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$297.21.

937 NORTH ST RLTY TRST UDT, DAVID WARD, TRUSTEE TKACHUK EXCAVATING INC, LAND located at 937 NORTH ST in TEWKSBURY containing 1.320 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 005200110000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 24900/159 AND Book/Page 8430/147. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$1,683.29.

APP EDWARD M JR, LAND & BUILDING located at 778 MAIN ST in TEWKSBURY containing 24,930.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 004800180000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 24012/241. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$4,668.92.

BROTHERS JAMES R & SARA J, LAND & BUILDING located at 21 HICKORY LN in TEWKSBURY containing 20,100.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 010600040000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 23860/111. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$3,729.01.

BUDRYK CHARLES R & FRANCES D, Subsequent Owner: THE FERDINAND FAMILY REALTY TRUST, PATRICIA M. FERDINAND AND GEORGE FERDINAND, TRUSTEES LAND & BUILDING located at 56 PRATT ST in TEWKSBURY containing 17,362.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 008202500000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 36281/228. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$1,607.44.

GOGGINS JAMES, GOGGINS KATHLEEN MCBRIDE, LAND & BUILDING located at 170 WHITTEMORE ST in TEWKSBURY containing 2.360 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 010101500000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 8415/80. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$596.21.

GORMAN THOMAS J & C E TR, GORMAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TR, Subsequent Owner: GORMAN THOMAS J & C E TR, GORMAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TR,

LAND & BUILDING located at 11 KEVIN ST in TEWKSBURY containing 12,152.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 005701550000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 8524/133. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$4,479.66.

HODGES CLARA GAIL, LAND & BUILDING located at 327 MARSTON ST in TEWKSBURY containing 7.930 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 002000870000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 32487/56. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$2,926.23.

INCANTO LLC, BUILDING located at 2500 MAIN ST in TEWKSBURY shown on Assessor's Map 00950108U108, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 30212/162. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$590.84.

MACKIE DEBORAH A, LAND & BUILDING located at 9 TOMAHAWK DR in TEWKSBURY containing 12,480.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 004401220000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 06021/0260. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$7,006.63.

MARTINELLI ANTHONY JR & THORNBLAD PAUL, Subsequent Owner: CLAUDE MARTHE, LAND & BUILDING located at 1016 WHIPPLE RD in TEWKSBURY containing 1.060 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 004501410000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 34727/0072. For FY-2021 SUPPLEMENTAL Tax Due \$3,561.62.

MCGEOGHEGAN PAUL D, LAND & BUILDING located at 35 WINDHAM RD in TEWKSBURY containing 1.100 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 008400820000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 16218/289. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$4,980.92.

MURPHY PATRICIA A, LAND & BUILDING located at 4 ROCKVALE CR in TEWKSBURY containing 10,699.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 010000730000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 32876/119. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$6,071.62.

PETITPAS ROBERT P, PETITPAS PATRICIA A, LAND & BUILDING located at 1 KNEELAND RD in TEWKSBURY containing 11,278.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009500620000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 05186/0204. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$5,926.71.

RATTO JOAN F, LAND & BUILDING located at 45 GINSBURG DR in TEWKSBURY containing 1.050 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 003400860000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 6918/148. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$4,475.73.

REEKIE CHARLES G & JOANNA E, LAND & BUILDING located at 5 PARK AV in TEWKSBURY containing 14,990.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 000300750000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 1579/36. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$5,605.63.

WELCH JACQUELINE, BUILDING located at 1501 MAIN ST in TEWKSBURY shown on Assessor's Map 00730009U031, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 21921/155. For FY-2021 Tax Due \$747.62. 220687 5/25/22

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 7, 2022 at 8:55 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-10 and Stormwater Management Permit #22-08, plan entitled, "Benevento Sand and Stone, AC Tank Containment Stormwater Management, 900 Salem Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated May 2022, prepared by Taber L. Midgley, P.E., EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC, 301 Metro Center Blvd, Suite 102, Warwick, RI 02886. The application is to erect a new 30,000 gallon liquid asphalt storage tank and reconstruct the secondary containment area. Said property is located at 910 Salem Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 28.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence R. Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
220677 5/18,25/22

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 7, 2022 at 7:35 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Section 6.6.7.7 Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #22-02, Parking Relief Special Permit #22-02, and Site Plan Review #22-11, and Stormwater Management Permit #22-09, plan entitled, "Proposed Site Development, 225 Andover Street, Wilmington, MA 01887", dated May 12, 2022, prepared by Michael G. Joyce, P.E., Joyce Consulting Group, Civil Engineers, 439 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Braintree, MA 02184 and James J. Abely, P.L.S., Vineyard Engineering & Environmental Services Inc., 17 Salem Street, Medford, MA 02155. The application is for the construction of a self-storage facility at 225 Andover Street. Said property is located at 225 Andover Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 108.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence R. Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
220674 5/18,25/22

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 7, 2022 at 9:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-14, plan entitled, "T-Mobile Site Number: 4BSM194A, BU #: 875104, Crocker Property, 26 Upton Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, Existing 116'-0" Monopole", dated January 17, 2022, last revised February 15, 2022, prepared by John Bosco, P.E., French & Parrello Associates, 1800 Route 34, Suite 101, Wall, NJ 07719. The proposed project is for the installation of three (3) antennas, three (3) RRHs, one (1) 1-5/8" hybrid cable and associated groundwork at the existing facility. Said property is located at 26 Upton Drive and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18G.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Terence R. Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
220679 5/18,25/22

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 7, 2022 at 8:40 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-12 and Stormwater Management Permit #22-10, plan entitled, "Non-Residential Site Plan, 100-110 Fordham Road, Tax Map 91 Lot 121, 100-110 Fordham Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated May 12, 2022, prepared by Brenton Cole, P.E., Granite Engineering, 150 Dow Street, Tower 2, Suite 421, Manchester, NH 03101 and Michael R. Dahlberg, P.L.S., KNA, Inc., 10 Commerce Park North, Suite 3B, Bedford, NH 03110. The proposal is to raze buildings A and C to construct a new 118,950 square foot industrial building. Said property is located at 100-110 Fordham Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 91 Parcel 121.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Terence R. Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 7, 2022 at 8:15 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Parking Relief Special Permit #22-01, plan entitled, "Proposed Site Plan, 278 Lowell Street, (Tax Map 72 Lot 1B), Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated April 4, 2022, last revised May 5, 2022, prepared by Richard A. Salvo, P.E., Engineering Alliance, Inc., 194 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906. The application is for parking relief from thirty-nine (39) parking spaces to twenty-three (23) parking spaces for the proposed 10,000 square foot commercial building. Said property is located at 278 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 72 Parcel 1B.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence R. Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
220675 5/18,25/22

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 7, 2022 at 9:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-13, plan entitled, "Verizon Site Number: 5063228, Verizon Fuze Project ID: 2571781, Verizon Location Code: 432596, Crown BU #: 875104, Wilmington 9 MA-B, 26 Upton Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, Existing 114'-6" Monopole", dated December 29, 2020, last revised December 6, 2021, prepared by Graham M. Andres, P.E., Tower Engineering Professionals, 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. The proposed project is for the installation of nine (9) antennas on a new platform mount and six (6) remote radio heads on an existing wireless communications facility tower. The project also includes construction of a 10'x20' concrete pad, equipment cabinets, and other appurtenances inside the existing fenced area. Said property is located at 26 Upton Drive and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18G.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Terence R. Boland, Chair
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Wilmington and Tewksbury residents graduate from St. John's Prep

DANVERS — St. John's Preparatory School held its 112th Commencement exercises on Saturday morning as Headmaster Edward P. Hardiman, Ph.D. conferred diplomas upon 268 seniors during an outdoor ceremony held on the School's campus including Tewksbury residents Cameron J. Eich*, English Award, National Merit Commended Student and Aidan John Silvia, and Wilmington residents Vincent Louis Callahan*, Spanish Award and Alex Flynn*.

The program captured the determination and hope of a newly rising generation while also recognizing the turbulence of our times and the uncertainty and challenges that the future holds.

More than 3,100 friends, relatives, parents, faculty, staff, fellow students, and alumni populated the expansive canopy tent decorating Ryken Field as attendees cheered, applauded, nodded in approval and shed tears throughout the one hour and 45-minute ceremony. For many graduates, it marked the end of an unmatched period of enrollment at the School: This class is the first in school history to feature graduates who began their studies at the Prep in Grade 6. For the Prep, the 2022 commencement was the first in three years that was not postponed or scaled down and socially distanced.

St. John's Valedictorian was Charles C. Kirby of Marblehead, and the Salutatorian was Gar R. Rudnyai of Topsfield. The senior class speaker, chosen by his peers, was Marc Gaudin of Boxford, who will attend Boston College. Conor Beswick of Andover received the Xaverian Award, the highest honor the school can bestow upon a graduating senior, presented to the class member who best epitomizes the values and tradition of Xaverian education. Beswick will matriculate at St. Anselm College this fall.

In his remarks to graduates, delivered under partly cloudy skies with the temperature touching 62 degrees, Dr. Hardiman P'19 '21 '26 challenged the graduates to embody a source of hope in the world.

"We can all easily focus on all that is wrong with the world, all that we disagree with and all that needs to change," he said. "However, we need prophetic and inspirational moments in which we come to see and embrace the sources of hope in our world. Today, you are not just high school graduates, but extraordinary seeds of the profound love and faith that truly animates authentic hope. Embrace the call to servant leadership and be a source of hope by ensuring that all whom you encounter leave your presence feeling known,

valued and loved."

Introduced by Rudnyai, who will attend Duke University, the 2022 Commencement student-selected keynote speaker was math teacher Evan Korol. An Everett resident, he delivered a stirring address that sparked a long ovation.

"Most of the lessons I learned in life, and especially in the military, were negative ones, but it inspired me to be better," he said. "Will you take the opportunities provided to you and live a good, comfortable life? There is no shame in that. You can continue to be ordinary, for you, and ignore the extraordinary opportunity and ability you've been presented with. What can't be crushed, however, is your potential. You can choose to reclaim what it means to be extraordinary."

"Right now, none of you is smart enough to solve

the world's problems," he continued. "But you could be. You can choose to do something with the knowledge, experiences and observations you have made and been given. You can choose to make a difference in the world. This is a responsibility we all share — one that requires only that we immerse ourselves in our own communities."

In all, this year's seniors represented 52 cities and towns across the Commonwealth, including as far south as Medford, as far west as Westford, and as far north as Amesbury. Five class members were international students. A class-high 21 seniors hail from Marblehead, while another 21 commuted from out of state (20 from Seacoast and southern New Hampshire, and one from Maine).

In his valedictory address, Kirby urged his classmates to remember

to regularly step back, gain perspective, and assess whether their current course is aligned with their goals." Bound for Duke University, he reflected on his own experience that led to a growth mindset. "I used to spend a lot of time playing video games," he confessed. "The thing about our modern digital world is that it is full of distractions. And that is what video games were for me at the start of high school, a distraction. At the end of the day: they would leave me with nothing more than glassy eyes and an empty feeling inside. Interacting with others in a space where you can hit the power button and walk away seemed way too comfortable. And that kind of comfort was impeding my personal growth."

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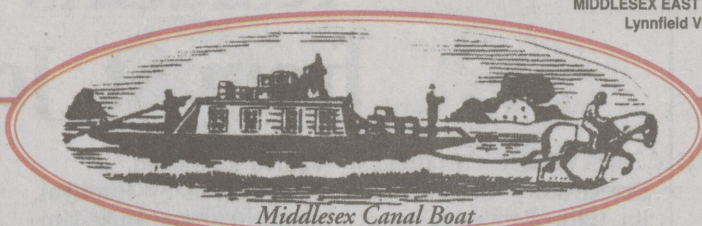
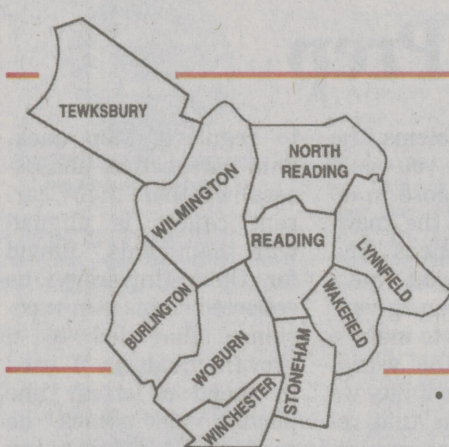
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RMV unveils new Medal of Liberty license plate

By PAT BLAIS

Few would ever make the connection between this week's quiet ceremony at the Mass. Registry of Motor Vehicle's (RMV) Wilmington branch and a vicious three-day battle in the frigid mountain passes of North Korea's Kunu-ri region.

But for Reading's Arthur Vars, the RMV's official launch of the state's new Medal of Liberty license plate program on Tuesday can trace its roots straight to the

November of 1950 Chinese counteroffensive along the Ch'ongch'on River, the last place where a 40-year-old US Army Sergeant from Chelsea named Christopher Young Vars was seen alive.

According to Vars, who recalled that his late father Robert Vars wondered about the fate of his missing-in-action (MIA) brother until his dying day in 1993, that pivotal 1950 battle not only dramatically shifted the outcome of the Korean War, but forever changed his family.

Tuesday's ceremony, the retired Reading firefighter says, is part of his years-long effort to ensure that the thousands of other Massachusetts' families who have lost loved ones in combat under similar circumstances can step forward to ensure those sacrifices are recognized.

"When somebody joins the military, it isn't just the individual that's affected. The whole family joins, so when that person goes through tough times, the whole family goes through it together," said Vars.

"There's literally thousands of people eligible out there who know nothing about this new [Medal of Liberty] program. If we even reach a few of those people, it will be worth it," added the lifelong Reading resident.

Dreamed up by Vars, the new RMV license plate program is the result of a two-year-long legislative effort led by State Representative and House Minority leader

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HONORING OUR HEROES - (Left to right) Representative Jones; Arthur Vars; Karen Vars (Arthur's wife); Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie; and Colonel Jason D. Oberton, representing Major General Gary Keefe, the Massachusetts Adjutant General, holding an over-

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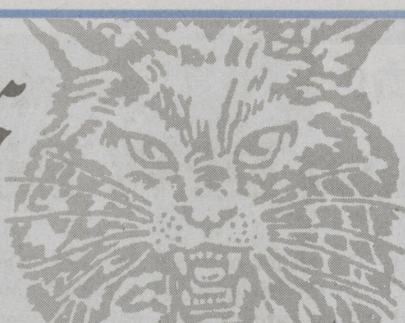
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*Jeandre Abel, Sarah LaVita and John Ware crowned Middlesex League Champions;
Celia Kulis breaks 41-year-old school record in the long jump*

He was Abel to take first place in the triple jump

By JAMIE POTE
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BURLINGTON - Jeandre Abel "gets it". And when a high school athlete "gets it", truly the Sky is the Limit.

The senior had a terrific all-around performance at last Thursday's Middlesex League Championship Meet. The Wildcats finished in seventh place with 43 points and he scored almost half of those points, notching a total of 19.5 between his first place finish in the triple jump, a second in the 200 and being a part of the third place 4x100 relay team.

When asked about his first place from the triple jump, rather than get all caught up in the win and the medal, he said it's more about fine-tuning and more importantly, improving his craft.

"I used to really be all about winning, but now I'm more focused on getting a faster time (or a better jump)," said Abel, who last spring captured the ML title in the 100-meters (11.43). "If I got like to a 20 second time in the 200 and got third place, I would be so happy because that's still a 20 second time in the 200."

ABEL B4W

LaVita tops in discus, places in two other events

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BURLINGTON - Sarah LaVita has quietly put together a very impressive athletic - especially track-and-field - career while at Wilmington High School.

A contributing player on the volleyball team, LaVita has really found her niche with indoor and outdoor track. A year ago at this time, she had a breakthrough performance at the Middlesex League Championship Meet by winning the discus and then taking second in the javelin and 14th in the shot put.

Just a few weeks ago during the Division 4 State Relay Meet, individually she was the best thrower in discus and javelin, was fifth best in the shot put, all which helped the Wildcats capture the first ever relay meet title in program history.

Last Thursday she was back competing in another big meet, this time at the league championships. Despite the rain and bouncing back-and-forth from one event to the other, she finished as the two-time discus champion, the two-time league finalist in the javelin, while she upped to her place finish nine spots to take fifth in the shot put.

She finished with throws of 107-11 in the discus, 104-10 in the javelin and 31-05

LAVITA B5W



Wilmington High senior John Ware, shown here with one of his throws from Thursday night's Middlesex League Championship Meet held at Burlington High, was crowned the best in the league, throwing just under 150 feet.

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First Place! Right Ware he wanted to be

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BURLINGTON - A year ago at the Middlesex League Track-and-Field Championship Meet, John Ware finished third in both the 110-meter hurdles and the javelin. His time in the hurdles was 1:01.61.

This year he changed gears a bit. While he has spent most of his time working on his best event, the javelin, he switched up to the 400-meter hurdles.

During Thursday night's Championship Meet, Ware, a senior, first started out by competing in the hurdles and he didn't have a great race. In fact he finished 18th with a time of 1:05.99, which was about four seconds slower than his personal best.

But instead of sulking and making that tough race ruin the rest of the night, Ware turned his attention to the javelin. And all he did there was go from a third place finish of 137 feet from a year ago to first place, throwing 149-01.

Ware becomes the fifth

individual to win a ML outdoor event at the league championship meet since the Wildcats entered the league. He follows Steve Layon (discus), Eli Jennings (twice in the shot put), Pat Barry (javelin) and current teammate Jeandre Abel (100 and this year triple jump).

"I wasn't there today (for hurdles) and that just happens some days," Ware admitted. "It was just a matter of getting it over with and heading (to the field) to (compete in the javelin) and get all prepared. I brought over everything I needed, towels, an umbrella, some chalk and I just wanted to be well-prepared for a rainy day. That happens some days."

Despite the rainy conditions, and despite his sub-par performance in the hurdles, Ware came through when it counted, taking the event on his final throw.

"Going into the finals, he was seeded second. He

WARE B4W



Celia Kulis, shown here earlier during a WHS Girls Track Dual Meet, finished second at the Middlesex League Championship Meet in the long jump where she broke a 41-year-old school record, originally set in 1981 by Margaret Mooney.

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Celia jumps into record book again

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BURLINGTON - The day started off better than she or anyone could have expected, but then ended pretty miserably and no one could have expected that either.

In the first event of last Thursday night's Middlesex League Championship Track-and-Field Meet, Wilmington High senior Celia Kulis

not only became the first female to jump at least 16 feet in the long jump in 21 years, but she kept progressing with her follow up attempts to where she broke the school's record, set 41 years ago.

After jumps of 16-6.50 and 16-11, Kulis surpassed the previous mark of 16-11.50, set by Margaret Mooney back in the 1981 season, with her mark of 17-3 on her third and final jump of her flight. That

put Kulis in the finals and on the first attempt, her bested that previous mark by a half-inch, at 17-3.50, which was good for second place.

"I'm very proud of Celia here," said Margaret (Mooney) Roy, through an email to the Crier. "She got to business with the task at hand and broke a long standing record. Congratulations! I know first hand what training

KULIS B5W

With four seconds left, Wildcats sting Hornets with game winning goal

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WILMINGTON - The Wilmington High Boys Lacrosse team has made a habit out of playing close and exciting games this season, with seven of their games being decided by two goals or less and five of those contests being decided by just one goal.

This past week was no exception for the Wildcats, as they both won and lost a thrilling one goal game, dropping a 10-9 overtime heartbreaker to Middlesex League rival Burlington last Friday in a home game, before bouncing back with a goal in the final seconds to defeat North Reading 8-7 on Tuesday in a road matchup.

"We definitely play exciting games," Wilmington coach Jeff Keefe said. "They are exciting, but they are going to give me a heart attack one of these times."

In the thriller over North Reading on Tuesday, the Wildcats got a goal from senior Gavin Erickson with just four seconds left in regulation to come away with the win. The goal came after a Wildcats timeout, when Erickson drove to the North Reading net and buried his shot to give Wilmington the win and improve their record on the season to 6-9.

"We came out of the timeout, and got into our offensive set and then

things just opened up for Gavin," Keefe said. "Gavin saw his opportunity and he took it and made a great play."

It was the second goal of the game for Erickson, while junior Nathan Alberti and sophomore Mike Lawler also each had a pair of goals and junior goalie Owen White made several big saves in net, particularly in the second half.

The Wildcats trailed 5-4 at the half, and North Reading would eventually extend their lead to 7-5, but between the stellar goaltending of White and some great overall defense, the Wildcats were able to keep the Hornets off the scoreboard and score the final three goals of the game.

Another big key to the Wildcats' second half surge was the play of sophomore Dempsey Murphy, who won several key draws for Wilmington in the later stages of the game.

"This was the first time we had him on faceoffs like that and he was unbelievable," Keefe said. "He was the reason we were able to get so many possessions and score those goals. I couldn't be more impressed with him."

While the win over North Reading certainly provided the Wildcats with the thrill of victory, just a few days earlier they had experienced the agony of defeat in their overtime loss to Burlington. This

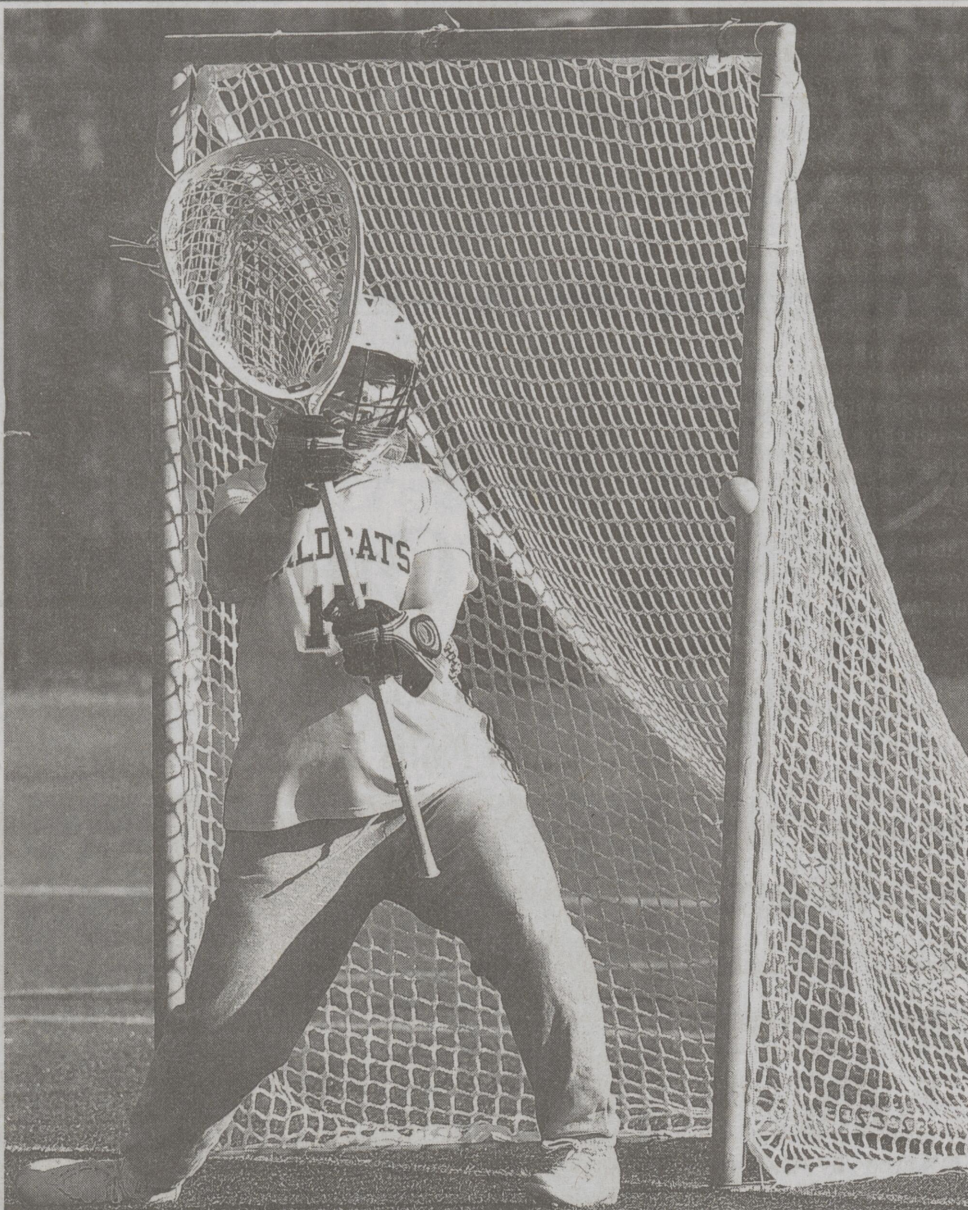
time it was the Red Devils who had scored in the closing seconds to win the game, with their goal coming with just three seconds left in the four minute overtime period.

"It was just another typical game in the Middlesex League," Keefe said. "It is what we are always prepared for. We were able to keep it tight and bring it to overtime, but they were able to get the win. We came up a little short, but with the way we are playing, I feel like that was a game that can help us down road."

That road of course likely includes the MIAA Division 3 State Tournament. With the regular season winding down this week with games against Pentucket on Wednesday and Lowell on Friday, the Wildcats and their 6-9 record are currently ranked 26th in Division 3, with the top 32 teams qualifying for the tournament.

Nothing is guaranteed, but Keefe knows that if his team does qualify for the tournament, they will definitely be battle tested.

"We expect to be tested if we get to the tournament, but we have seen some good teams all season long," Keefe said. "We know we can't take anybody for granted and we have to work for everything we get. We have been working towards this all season long."



Wilmington High Girls Varsity Lacrosse goalie Abby Driscoll moves in to make a save for the Wildcats during an earlier season home game.

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'Cats compete with Lynnfield, fall short

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WILMINGTON - A little over the midway point of the second half of Monday's Wilmington High Girls Lacrosse team's clash with Lynnfield at Wilmington High, it looked like the Wildcats were poised to pull the upset over their non-league rivals, as the score stood tied at 7-7 and the Wildcats playing some excellent lacrosse, having battled Lynnfield goal for goal all evening.

Alas, it was not to be for the Wildcats who saw the Pioneers score the final five goals of the game to take a 12-7 victory in a game that certainly was closer than the final score would indicate. The Wildcats led in this one for much of the first half, and held a 5-4 lead at the end of the first half, before the teams started trading goals early in the second half prior to Lynnfield finally pulling away.

With the loss, the Wildcats, who celebrated Senior Night on Monday, saw their record on the season drop to 1-16, as they headed into their season finale Middlesex League rival Watertown on Tuesday night. But despite the loss, first year Wildcats coach Chris Frissore was proud of the effort his team put in on this night.

"They did a great job. They were hustling from the start and right to the end," Frissore said. "It was Senior Night, so we had a lot of people here and I think that kind of fired them up a little bit. They battled hard."

The Wildcats did indeed put up a fight right from the start. With the score tied 1-1 midway through the half, the Wildcats took a 2-1 lead on a goal by senior Jenna Moore with 13:25 left in the half. It was the first of four goals in the game for Moore, who on Senior Night did pretty much what she had done all season long for the Wildcats in pacing their offense.

"She is just a good, solid player and she has been doing that all season for us," Frissore said. "We are definitely going to miss her next year. She is the leader of the team, so she is going to be very hard to replace."

It was a junior getting the job done next for the Wildcats. After Lynnfield had retied the game just moments after Moore's goal, it was Sloane McIntyre with a nifty piece of stickwork, coming from behind the net and putting in a backhand shot to give the Wildcats a 3-2 advantage. And when fellow junior Jess Collins scored a fantastic goal with 7:29 left in the half, the Wildcats held a 4-2 advantage.

Collins goal came when she stole a Lynnfield at about midfield and then rushed into the Lynnfield zone, dodging defenders along the way before bouncing the ball past the stunned Lynnfield goalie to give Wilmington a two goal lead.

Lynnfield would respond quickly once again, scoring just 17 seconds later to make the score 4-3, but thanks to the efforts of sophomore goalie Abby Driscoll, the Pioneers were held at bay for much

of the first half, and really for much of the game.

"Abby played really well," Frissore said. "I told her at halftime that she was really keeping us in the game. The goalie is very important in lacrosse and we are fortunate that we have a good one. And she is only a sophomore, so we have a couple more years of her, which is really good for us."

Moore's second goal of the game, on a nice rush to the net with 3:34 left in the half, gave the Wildcats a 5-3 lead and they would take a 5-4 advantage into the half after Lynnfield scored with a goal of their own just 13 seconds later.

Lynnfield came out ready to pounce in the second half, and they did just that, tying the game at 5-5 just about two minutes into the half. Wilmington, however, retook the lead just about a minute and a half later on Moore's third goal of the game, coming on a nice backhand shot after a great pass from Collins to make it 6-5 with 20:35 left in the game.

The teams would trade goals once again over the next several minutes, with Lynnfield scoring twice to make it 7-6 before Moore tied it at 7-7 with 13:06 left. From there, however, it was all Lynnfield, as they Pioneers took an 8-7 lead with 10:04 left in the game and never looked back.

As has been the case in many of the Wildcats losses this season, they just didn't have enough to pull out the win, but between the improvement his team has shown from the beginning of the season until the end, and the fight his team showed on Senior Night, Frissore was as anything but disappointed with his team's effort.

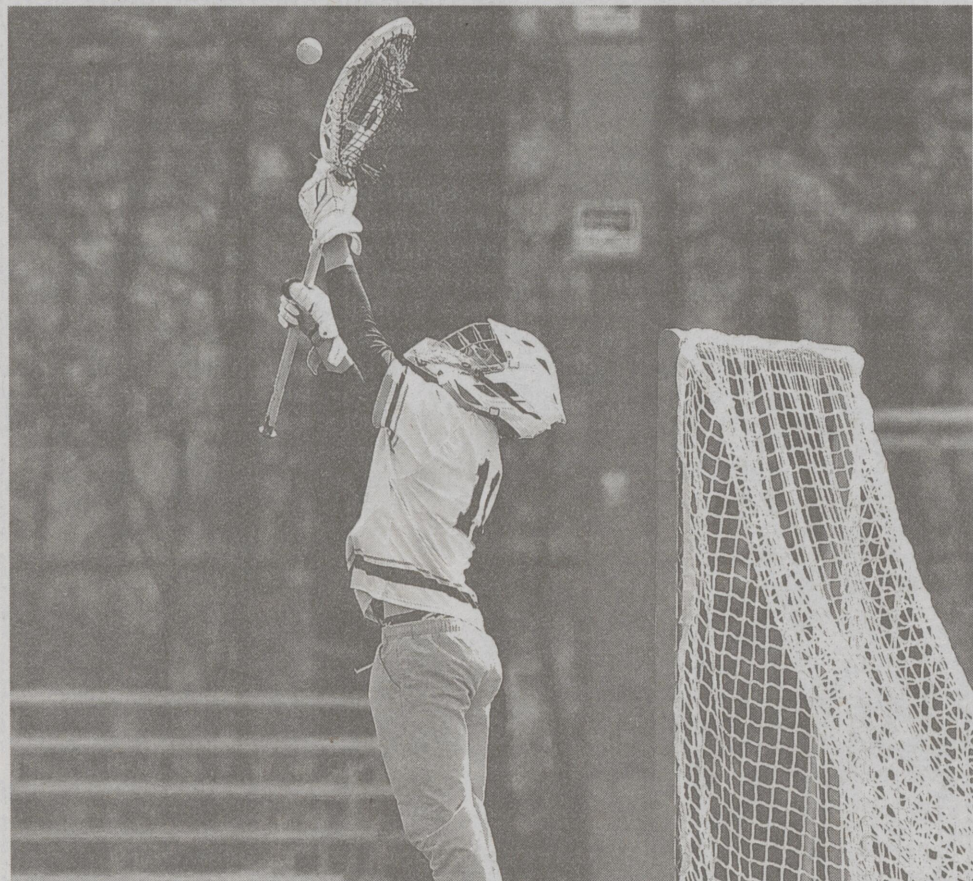
"When you have won just one game, and for he girls to still put in that much effort at the end of the season, to me shows that they enjoyed playing and they had a good time this season," Frissore said. "If they are going to play that hard, that says something. That is something I have noticed about this team all season. Even if we are down a bunch, they are always playing hard. It is a really good group, and I have enjoyed coaching them."

Prior to the game, the Wildcats honored the six senior members of their team, Taylor Breen, Emily McHugh, Caterina Tassone, Rhiannon Dyment, Kiley Flynn and Jenna Moore.



Above, Wilmington's Michael Lawler is checked by Lowell Catholic's Pat Drew and below, goalie Owen White, practices some high saves inbetween halves of the same game.

(photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The seniors on the WHS Girls Lacrosse team were honored before Monday's game as part of 'Senior Night'. The group includes from left, Emily McHugh, Kiley Flynn, Jenna Moore, Rhiannon Dyment, Caterina Tassone, and Taylor Breen.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

After a tough three-game losing skid, Baseball team skips past Middies

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WILMINGTON - It really has been a wild season for the Wilmington High School Baseball team.

Between winning and losing streaks, walk-off and comeback wins, blowout losses, an extra inning loss, and an off the field controversy, it's truly been pretty bizarre. But underneath all of that is a team that's pesky, and has continued to stick around to be a thorn in many teams sides. After losing three straight games last week and being outscored 31-12, the 'Cats came back on Tuesday in really a must-win game and edged out Dracut, 2-1, in a non-league contest played at Scanlon Memorial Field.

The win snaps the team's three-game losing streak, and pushes the team to an 8-9 overall record. The 'Cats close out the regular season this week with another game with the Middies on Thursday and that will be followed by the annual Scanlon Tournament this weekend. Wilmington needs to win two of the three games to get into new statewide tournament, or be seeded as one of the top 32 teams in the Division 3 Power Rankings format. Before last Friday's loss to Burlington, the 'Cats were ranked No. 30.

"Beating Dracut (on Tuesday) is definitely going to help us with the power rankings, but the latest ones didn't include our loss to Burlington," said assistant coach Connor Zaya. "We need to win two of the three remaining games to guarantee us a spot in the tournament with a .500 record. I don't want us to depend on the power rankings. I'd rather us win at least ten games and get in that way."

"The thing that we've been trying to do and I know it sounds cliché is we're trying to win every inning. If you win the inning, you get a check mark, you lose you get an 'x' and if neither teams wins you get a dash. We're trying to chase check marks. I think the (Scanlon) tournament is ours to win, but I want to make sure that we don't come out flat. We need to win these games."

This Saturday is going to be Senior Day, so Zaya originally wanted Joe Dynan to pitch that game,



Wilmington High freshman Jaret Balter comes in to make a catch for the Varsity Baseball team during an earlier season home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

but changed his mind.

"I came to the conclusion that we needed today's win and Dynan is our leader on and off the field. He stepped up and said 'hey, today's my day'. And it was for sure," said Zaya.

Dynan went the first six inning and gave up just one run on two hits. He did walk seven but he also struck out 12.

"Joey's strike out numbers are great. He gets a lot of swings and misses. It was good to see him pitch to get outs today. We would like to see less walks, but overall I thought he pitched great. He stepped up when we needed him to," said Zaya.

On the season, Dynan is 2-4 with no two decisions. He has had three games with double digit strikeouts including 14 in an extra inning loss against Watertown, 11 in a win over Lexington and then 12 in the win against Dracut. He has over 70 punchouts on the season.

In Tuesday's win, Wilmington got on the board in the bottom of the first inning as Roque walked and stole second and was driven in on a base hit from Matt Vinal.

Dracut tied in the fourth before Wilmington scored the game winner in the fifth as Jaret Balter walked with the bases loaded to score Brett Ebert.

Roque relieved Dynan in the seventh and tossed a scoreless inning to earn

the save.

"It was a real good win. Dracut plays in such a tough conference and I think they are a real solid team. We play them again on Thursday and that's going to be a real tough game," said Zaya.

Before the Dracut game, the Wildcats had three games on consecutive days last week, losing all three including Melrose (10-4), Arlington (16-0) and then Burlington (9-8), which started on Thursday and was suspended due to rain and then completed the next day.

In the loss to Melrose, Austin Harper led the way with three hits, while Brian Curdo had two hits and two RBI and Vinal had two hits, scored two runs and knocked in one.

On the mound, Dynan went the first five innings and gave up eight runs, but only two were earned, while striking out six. Patrick Stokes tossed two innings of relief, giving up two earned runs.

"I thought we were in it for most of the game. A couple of bad bounces just kept innings going (for them). I thought Melrose was a very good team. It was the first time that I had seen them this year," said Zaya.

In the loss to Arlington, which was called after four innings due to the Mercy Run Rule, Dynan had two hits and Liam Dwyer had one. Harper was the losing pitcher as a lot of defensive miscues

In the loss to Burlington, Wilmington started out strong scoring three runs in the top of the first only to see the Red Devils come back in the home half and score six. The score remained the same until the top of the third when the 'Cats scored five runs to take an 8-6 lead. Play was halted due to rain and the game continued the next day where Burlington won thanks to a walk-off hit.

Offensively for the 'Cats, Jack Toomey and Vinal both had two hits each, including the latter driving in three while they both scored a run. Harper and Michael Monteforte also had two hits each and they combined to score two runs and knock in two, and then Roque added a hit and scored twice, Curdo and Nate Packer had a hit, while Ebert walked three times.

On the mound, Roque started and had command issues while dealing with the sloppy and wet conditions, as he walked five and giving up two hits and five earned runs over two-thirds of an inning. Toomey then tossed 5.2 innings of great relief, giving up one earned run, while walking five and striking out four. Jaret Balter gave up two earned runs on two hits in a third of an inning and he received the loss.

"Toomey did a real nice job in relief. After the first inning, we kept them quiet and they didn't

score again until the seventh inning. On Friday, we didn't hit," said Zaya.

Wilmington will travel to Dracut for the second game of the home-and-home series on Thursday beginning at 4:00 pm. Then on Saturday and Sunday, the annual Scanlon Memorial Tournament will be held. This year's teams include Matignon (6-8), Blue Hills Regional (6-8) and North Middlesex (7-10).

Wilmington will face Matignon on Saturday at noon, and then if they win that game, they'll play the winner of the other game on Sunday at 3, but a first game loss, will put them into the consolation game Sunday at noon.

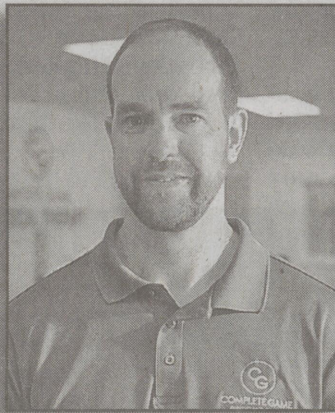
POWER RANKINGS

As of the latest MIAA Power Rankings which came out on Monday, Wilmington was ranked No. 30 in Division 3 with a 7-8 record, this is did not include the loss to Burlington or Tuesday's game with Dracut.

As of those rankings, an additional nine teams had records of .500 or more. A lot will change over the course of this week, but if we go by Monday's rankings and 41 teams get in and the 'Cats remain at No. 30, they would host Diman Voc in a preliminary round game before traveling to face No. 8 Newburyport.

Is Your Youth Athlete, or an Athlete You Know, At Risk for Arm Injury This Baseball/Softball Season?

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It's a shame that, every spring, I see a huge surge in youth athletes coming into our clinic with throwing related arm injuries. But the good news is many of these injuries are 100% avoidable.

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Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	May 26	V Girls Tennis	vs Lawrence	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 26	V Softball	vs Billerica	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 26	B/G Track	Class Meet - Day 1	TBA
Thursday	May 26	V Baseball	vs Salem at Haverhill	TBA
Friday	May 27	V Boys Lacrosse	at Arlington	4:00 pm
Saturday	May 28	V Baseball	vs Law/Marb at Hav	TBA
Saturday	May 28	B/G Track	Class Meet - Day 2	TBA
Wednesday	June 1	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Wilmington (HS)	4:00 pm
Wednesday	June 1	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Stoneham (DF)	4:30 pm
Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	May 26	V Baseball	at Dracut	4:00 pm
Thursday	May 26	V Softball	vs Reading	4:15 pm
Thursday	May 26	B/G Track	Class Meet - Day 1	TBA
Friday	May 27	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Lowell	5:00 pm
Saturday	May 28	B/G Track	Class Meet - Day 2	TBA
Saturday	May 28	V Baseball	vs Matignon	12:00 pm
Sunday	May 29	V Baseball	vs Blue Hills/NM	12 or 3:00 pm
Wednesday	June 1	V Boys Lacrosse	at Tewksbury (HS)	4:00 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	May 26	B/G Track	Class Meet Day 1	TBA
Friday	May 27	V Softball	vs Arlington Catholic	4:00 pm
Friday	May 27	V Boys Lacrosse	at Essex Tech	5:30 pm
Friday	May 27	V Baseball	vs Arlington Catholic	7:00 pm
Saturday	May 28	B/G Track	Class Meet Day 2	TBA
Tuesday	May 31	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm



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Wildcats finish seventh at the Middlesex League Championship Meet

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BURLINGTON - Led by a pair of first-place finishes, the Wilmington High School Boys Track-and-Field team finished in seventh place out of eleven teams during last Thursday night's Middlesex League Championship Meet held throughout on-and-off rain and cool temperatures at Burlington High School.

Lexington literally ran away with the meet title compiling 159 points, followed by Winchester (83), Reading (81), Burlington (75), Wakefield (58), Arlington (51), Woburn (46), Wilmington (43), and then Belmont (39), Stoneham, Watertown and Melrose tied with 17 points.

The top eight in each event counted for the team scores, thus Wilmington had the two first places, as well as a second, a pair of thirds, a seventh and an eighth.

"We're still such a young team so this is around where we thought we would finish," said head coach Mike Kinney.

The first places came from John Ware in the javelin as he threw 149-01, while competing in the rain. Fellow senior Jeandre Abel had a big day as he was first in the triple jump at 42-06, second in the 200-meters at 22.90 seconds and was part of the third place 4x100 relay team along with John Magliozzi, Willie Stuart and Joe Demoura as they came in at a combined time of 45.17 seconds.

"They came in third, but it wasn't their best time. The first leg, John Magliozzi said that he slipped out of the blocks. They had some tough competition today. They should be in the mix for the top three at the D4 Meet (this Saturday). Pembroke got second place at the state relay

meet, so we're going to have to work on refining the hand-offs. We might make a couple of tweaks as far as where the hand-offs will occur and try to get Jeandre and Willie the longer legs. That might and (just in general) we need faster, smoother hand-offs."

The other place finishes came from Stuart, who was third in the triple jump at 41-08 and then the other two relay teams, the 4x400 and 4x800. The 4x4 team finished seventh at 3:46.267 and that was Evan Shackelford, Ashvin Baker, Tyler Nguyen and Noah Carriere. The 4x8 team finished eighth at 9:18.09 and that was Roman Moretti, Alex Kennedy, Matt Steinmetz and Mike Oatis.

In addition, Carriere was 10th in the 400 at 54.99, Oatis was 10th in the mile at 4:52.47, Moretti was 13th in the 800 at 2:21.81 and Shackelford was 13th in the 400 at 55.67. Also, Demoura was 9th in the 110-meter hurdles at 18.06 seconds, Stuart was 10th in the 100 at 11.95 seconds, Magliozzi was 10th in the long jump at 19-03 and 17th in the 100 at 12.09 seconds and Ware was 18th in the 400-meter hurdles at 1:05.99.

Kinney pointed out that the 10th place finish by Oatis as well as the 18th place by freshman Dean Ciampa (4:58.40) both in the mile, are strong indications of the great potential for both runners down the line.

"Our new distance coach Brian Shepard is a really good coach to have. He's a real smart guy. These milers, Dean and Mike have really improved and have come along a lot this season," said Kinney.

In the other running events, Mardin Miniasian was 22nd in the 200 at 25.62 and was followed by Hunter Sands, who was 25th at 26.13 seconds. In the 800, Nick Atwater was 19th at 2:21.81, in the 110-

meter hurdles Ben Marvin was 18th at 20.01 and Aiden Burke was 29th in the 400-meter hurdles at 1:07.34. Finally, in the two-mile, Christian Niceforte and Vihbush Sivakumar finished 20th and 21st at 11:51.26 and 12:29.40.

In the field events, John Spencer was 10th in the discus throwing 105-10 and was also 16th in the shot put at 36-02.50. Tyler Sheehan was 13th in the discus throwing 100-10. Jack Melanson was 15th in the shot put throwing 37-02.50 and Cooper Loisel was 16th in the javelin throwing 112 feet. Finally, Luka Smilijic was 22nd in the long jump at 17-04.50.

Overall, Kinney said he was a pretty productive meet.

"The people who have led us the whole season, John (Ware), Willie (Stuart) and Jeandre (Abel) have just been awesome captains, awesome athletes and they are all finishing out nice careers," said the coach.

Wilmington will now compete in the Division 4 Eastern Mass Championship Meet, which will be held over two days, Thursday and Saturday at Notre Dame Academy of Hingham. A handful of events will be held on Thursday including the pentathlon which will include John Ware. He will be one of 12 athletes competing, and then he will get to do one event after that, which will be the javelin.

On Tuesday, the MIAA released its performance list for the meet. John Ware is seeded first in the javelin and 10th in the 400-meter hurdles, and Abel is seeded first in the 200 and second in the triple jump. Also, Stuart is ranked fifth in the triple jump and he is part of the 4x100 relay team along with Johnathan Magliozzi, Joe Demoura and Abel and they are seeded third.



On Thursday night, Wilmington High senior Jeandre Abel had a big night at the track team's Middlesex League Championship Meet. Here he is on his way to his first place in the 200-meter trial run, while he ended up taking second in that event, but won the triple jump and was part of the third place 4x100 relay team.
(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

He was Abel to take first place in the triple jump

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The triple jump event was first on the list for the night. After going through the first flight, he got into the finals where he had a mark of 42-06, which was almost a foot off what he did the previous week when he won the Andover Booster's Meet.

"I already knew that I was going to win (today), so I wanted to get a personal record and jump 44 feet to break the school record, which I didn't do," he said. "In our last meet, I got 43-07 and at this meet I got 42-06 so I was a foot off, but I wasn't that into it in this meet for some reason. I just had a mental blockage. I could have definitely done better and I will at states and all-states if I make it. I was just out of it and thinking about something else, almost the whole time."

While he may have been distracted, Abel did pull out the win, finishing ahead of Lexington's Ioannis Alexios Kontothanass (42-00) and teammate Willie Stuart (41-08). For Abel, he said winning it was a slow progression, but things picked up when he sped up on his approach.

"The first jump (my speed) was slow and I got like 40-feet something. Then I kept getting more speed on my approach (on my next series of jumps).

I was like a foot behind the board (on one jump) and then I fixed that and I was right on the board," he said. "I ran faster and I worked on my last phase. I have a bad habit of not kicking my feet out. I bring my knees up, but I don't kick my feet out and you need to do both and I'm working on that. Last week at the Andover (Boosters) meet, I didn't struggle with that and did well (kicking my feet out), but today I didn't do it."

Immediately after finishing the triple jump, Abel had the preliminary race of the 200-meters, where he finished third at 23.22. After some rest, he came back for the finals and upped that mark, finishing second at 22.90. Then he finished it off with the third place finish with the relay team.

"Jeandre had an awesome day and he's really coming along in the triple jump over the last two weekends," said head coach Mike Kinney. "He won the Andover Invitational last week with a 43-7 (mark). Today was really wet and slippery so his mark of 42-6 (is still pretty good). He's got the physical traits to be really good at that event. He's had difficulty with the consistency with the mark and his approach, and now he's really starting to

get those down."

Abel's jump of 43-07 from the previous week ranks him second all-time in school history. He passed Marty Boudreau's 1981 mark of 43-06.50 and now trails Doug Stewart, who back in 1974, jumped 44-06.50.

Kinney, as well as the rest of the coaching staff and of course Abel, firmly believe that he can break the school record.

"(First-year assistant) Coach Devin Langenfeld did triple jump in high school and college, and he's been instrumental in helping both Willie (Stuart) and Jeandre. They have been working on that third phase (of the triple jump), kind of like the long jump phase of lifting up their legs and kicking out and extending it.

"Eventually you want all three phases to be equal so a lot of times people tend to get real aggressive in the first phase, the hop phase and that compromises phases two and three. So they have been getting much more consistent and both Willie and Jeandre are super athletic, so you know that they are going to do pretty good at that (event). We have high expectations for them next week at the state meet."



Noah Carriere in the middle of competing in the 400-meter dash during an earlier season home track meet.
(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Girls 3-1 team nets a win over Melrose

The Wilmington girls 3-1 youth soccer team kept their winning streak alive after Saturday's 2-0 win over Melrose. Goals scored by Mila Puca and Kyla Pereira established a lead.

The strong defense played by Kathryn Picciarelli, Alaina Wang, and Addison

Antonellis helped Colette Strykowski and Emilia Emery to have shutouts in net.

The strong field play of Alexa DiGiovanni, Leah Hoffmann, Natalie Poeck, Sammie Skelskie ensured the team's home game victory.

First Place! Right Ware he wanted to be

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had only thrown 136 (feet) and every meet (prior) he had thrown over 145 (feet) with 159 (feet) being his best," explained head coach Mike Kinney. "He was under a little bit of pressure especially with a slippery runway so that was difficult but he came up big on his last throw with a mark of 149-1 and second place ended up being 142 (feet)."

All of that came after his first throw, where he luckily avoided disaster or physical harm.

"He completely slid out and fell on his first attempt. We told him after that just to slow down and do a five step (approach)," said Kinney.

"He wasn't getting enough power or whip out of it. Then he started to feel the pressure after a couple of kids were beating him, but he came up big at the end. And that's kind of what you need to do at this point of the season. You need to be able to deal with the pressure in the finals, be able to be cool and relaxed, and just focus on what you need to be doing."

Ware said that leading up to the meet, he's been working on a few things in hopes to get better, and will continue to do that this week as he will compete in the Division 4 Eastern Mass Meet to be held at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham.

"I've been trying to work on my momentum and just keeping the speed going into my throw, and keeping my plant leg solid," he said. "That's one of the more difficult things for me. It's just the footwork. I've got the form down pretty much, except I need to keep my arm up more, so I just need to keep up the speed and the transition - that's what I've got to work on."

"I'm happy (with today) and with just trying to get ready for states next week. Next Saturday is going to be a big day. I'm just going to try to work on the little things and also rest up a little bit later in the week."

Wildcats come up short on expectations, finish fifth at league meet

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BURLINGTON - After cruising to its second straight undefeated dual meet season and Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship Title, the Wilmington High School Girls Track-and-Field team thought the league championship meet would be the best chance if they were to ever crack the powerful Lexington team.

In order for that to have happened, Wilmington needed to execute up and down the line-up, from its usual strong performers, while needing some unexpected stars to rise up. Although that happened throughout the meet, it didn't happen enough. Lexington was too strong for everyone, coming away with the title scoring 112 points, while, Woburn was second at 101.50, followed by Melrose (90.50), Burlington (85) and Wilmington (79.50).

A big reason for Wilmington taking fifth was the injury to senior Celia Kulis, who if healthy would have won the 100-meter hurdles and would have placed better in the high jump, therefore finishing third wouldn't have been a stretch.

"We felt like we could have done better. We felt like we could give Lexington a run for their money. Things didn't quite work out for us and (at same time) they are a very good team and they also have twice as many students as us," said Patrone.

Lexington won six events on the night with the duo of Ava Criniti and Mari McBride being a huge part of that success, whereas the 'Cats came home with one title, Sarah LaVita defended her discus title, while, Kulis finished second in the long jump and broke a school record that was previously held for 41 years.

All in all, Wilmington had a first, four second places, a pair of thirds, three fourths, one fifth, two sixths, a seventh and three eighths.

LaVita was the star of the meet as she was first in the discus (107-11) for the second year in a row, while taking second in the javelin (104-10) and fifth in the shot put (31-05). Kulis also placed in three events, second in the long jump with her school record jump of 17-03.50, which broke Margaret Mooney's mark of 16-11.50

set in 1981, and then was eighth in both the 100-meter hurdles (19.93) and high jump (4-8).

Also placing in two individual events was senior Kaitlyn Doherty, who was fourth in the triple jump (33-09) and fifth in the 100 (13.30), while she was also a part of the third place 4x100 relay team (52.33) along with Madison Mulas, Molly MacDonald and her sister, Alison Doherty.

"Kaitlyn has been dealing with shin pain. In our meet against Burlington she took a jump in the triple jump and her shin started hurting bad. We had some concern with that and her parents took her to have it checked out. I was happy to see her compete at the league meet and not bother her as much. She did well in the triple jump, the 100 meters, and has been a tremendous anchor for the 4x100 relay all season," said head coach Joe Patrone.

The other individuals who placed in the top eight included Mollie Osgood, who was second in the high jump (5-0), Shea Cushing was third in the two-mile (12:35.23), Angie Zaykovskaya was fourth in the 400-meter hurdles (1:12.12), Addy Hunt and Kayla Flynn took home sixths in the 800 at 2:27.99 and the high jump (4-10), respectively, and Amanda Broussard was seventh in the 400 at 1:03.24.

Patrone said that Hunt and Cushing ran well, and Osgood had a strong night in the high jump, before adding that Zaykovskaya came through in the hurdles.

"Angie ran great. She made the switch from the 800 earlier in the season to help the team and it has paid off for her as she placed fourth and she is qualified for the state meet in that event," said Patrone.

Zaykovskaya also joined Emily Grace, Hunt and Broussard to finish fourth in the 4x400 race with a time of 4:21.82. The 4x800 relay team of Sofia Pitzen, Mallory Brown, Hannah Bryson and Cushing finished eighth at a collective time of 11:23.00.

"Shea ran great in the two-mile to place third and be the top Freedom Division finisher. Hannah Bryson ran a ten-second personal best of 12:35.23 (to finish 11th) over her old personal record of 12:45.0 from the freshmen/sophomore meet," said Patrone.

In addition, Osgood was 11th in the 400-meter hurdles (17.95), MacDonald was 12th in the 200 (28.69) and 13th in the javelin (81-05), Flynn was 13th in the triple jump (31-02.50), Grace was 14th in the 400 (1:04.61), Mulas was 20th in the 200 (13.98) and 21st in the long jump (14-02) and Pitzen was 22nd in the 800 at 2:51.94.

Rounding out the running events, Alison Doherty was 12th in the 100 (13.64), her sister Emily was 18th in the 200 (29.51), Gillian Kane was 19th in the 400-meter hurdles, and then Mallory Brown and Kyla Kelley finished 16th and 18th in the mile at 5:56.84 and 5:58.43. It was a 15-second personal best for Kelley.

Then in the field events, Ali Ganley was 10th in the pole vault, clearing 6-6, Isabelle Puccio was 10th in the discus throwing 77-09 and Lilly Rubin was 23rd in the shot put, throwing 22-02.

"Alli Ganley became our first pole vaulter in a while as she placed tenth with a jump of 6-6. Along with Kaitlyn in the triple jump, Kayla Flynn jumped a personal best of 31-02.50."

Wilmington will now compete in the Division 4 Eastern Mass Championship Meet over a two-day period, Thursday and Saturday, both being held at Notre Dame Academy High School of Hingham. The Wildcats are certainly one of the favorites to finish at or near the top.

On Tuesday, the MIAA released its performance list for the meet. Kulis is going to compete in the pentathlon, as well as the 100-meter hurdles and is seeded first there. (14.80). Sarah LaVita is ranked first in the javelin (107-03.50), second in the discus (107-11) and seventh in the shot put (34-00.50).

Mollie Osgood is seeded second in the high jump (5-02.25). Kaitlyn Doherty is third in the triple jump (35-04.50) and eighth in the 100. Amanda Broussard is seeded fifth in the 400 and ninth in the 200, while Angie Zaykovskaya is 7th in the 400-meter hurdles and Shea Cushing is 8th in the two-mile.

Also, the two relay teams are ranked with the 4x100 team with Madison Mulas, Alison and Kaitlyn Doherty and Molly MacDonald are third, the 4x400 team of Zaykovskaya, Emily Grace, Addy Hunt and Broussard are fourth.



On Thursday, Wilmington High senior Sarah LaVita had another big day competing in the Middlesex League Championship Meet. She won the discus for the second year in a row, finished second in the javelin (shown here) and also was fifth in the shot put. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

LaVita tops in discus, places in two other events

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in the shot put, which totaled 22 of the team's 79.50 points on the night.

LaVita said that heading into the meet, she knew that if she executed that she would be near the two in discus and javelin, but wasn't getting too ahead of herself thinking she owned one or both events.

"I was hoping to win - and winning (at least one event) is nice, but honestly, I wasn't sure that I was going to, but definitely winning the discus was really cool," she said. "It came down to the last throws. Brooke Bibbo from Burlington is a great competitor. She won the shot put (throwing) 37 feet, which is a big throw. The two of us were going back and forth in the (discus) final. It was really fun. She went before me so that helped so I could kind of see what she did and if I could beat it, which definitely did help me a little."

The discus is her best event, the javelin is her favorite and the shot put she has made giant strides in. Doing all three in a matter of hours, in slick rain, certainly wasn't

easy.

"I did the shot put and javelin right away when the meet started at 3:30," she said. "It's a little difficult but I was lucky because I was able to do all three of my shots (in each event) and they went back-to-back, so then I could just focus on the javelin. I did the same thing in the finals, I did all three shots in (shot put and discus) and then I could just focus on the javelin (finals). The (throwing) areas are really close to each other, so it makes it easier, well for me at least."

She said that the javelin and shot put competition started before the rain came, but the discus was held throughout the rain-drops.

"The discus was a little bit tricky because that's when the rain kind of started, so it became slippery for the second flight (of throwers). It just became a little tricky with our feet. We were able to keep our discs dry," she said.

While she had an umbrella to keep the

equipment dry, LaVita was able to win, even though she feels that with a few wrinkles added in, that she could throw even further.

"I definitely need to work on my spin in discus. That was a little rough today and it have been because of the rain or could just be that (I need to work on it). You have to spin, circle and drive down and throw. It's a little tricky and I started learning that this year, so I've been picking that up during the season but the rain didn't help," she said.

She will now head to this week's Division 4 Eastern Mass Championship Meet which will be held over two days, Thursday and Saturday. She said she's not setting any goals in her head in terms of winning or placing, or anything like that. For her, she is keeping things light and relaxed.

"I just want to do better than I did before and just work off what I set last year and just beat my (previous best throw)," she said.

Kulis jumps into record books again

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involved in breaking that record."

Roy offered a little advice for all long jump competitors, not just Kulis.

"Get those steps down so you can focus on the launch and the jump. Use your biggest stride on the launch," she said.

Kulis said part of the reason for the improved marks, was gaining more and more speed on the runway.

"I tried to at first. I do three kind of broad strides and then I try to gradually gain speed. I always pull back a little bit because I always want to make the board (and not foul)," she said. "Plus I always look down which is a big downfall of mine. Even the officials were telling me to stop looking down, but it's just a habit, so there's not much you can do."

Later in the evening, she participated and won the trial heat of the 100-meter hurdles and towards the end of the race, she hurt her foot. She did come back to compete in the finals, but the injury really took an effect as she barely got to the finish line, taking eighth.

It was at the end of the meet, after her injury, when she was asked about her first place in the long jump.

"Going into the long jump, I knew that I had my mark and I had jumped well here at the dual meet and I was just going to go for the school record as I was four inches off of it," she said. "My first jump was 16-6.50 and I knew that was a good start, and at least I was making the board."

"It was hard because our assistant coach (Devin Langenfeld) was watching

both the long jump and the boys in the triple jump so he was going back-and-forth. The Stoneham coach saw my jump and he actually helped me a lot, letting me know that I was on the board."

"The second jump I knew I was on the board, but I wanted to (improve) my energy and I just wanted to get fireworks (going) and just go off. That's what I did and I got 16-11. That felt great and it was just such joy. I was just so excited about that and it just lit up vibrations and vibes in me. So after that, I just said to myself, 'OK have fun in this last jump' and I got 17-3 (to break the school record) and that was so amazing."

"My whole goal this year was to break 16 feet so getting 17-3.50 (in the finals) was great, just a lot (further) than I ever have done."

After that, Kulis went to the trials of the 100-meter hurdles and cruised to a first place finish in her heat with a time of 15.67 seconds and appeared to be on her way to a second straight league championship title, coming off last year's 15.83 time. As soon as she finished the trial heat, she was flexing her foot/ankle, which seemed to get worse as the night went on.

"Celia had the fastest time in the pre-lims of the hurdles before getting hurt. That time would have won the finals by more than half a second. She went to have her foot checked out on Friday and there is no fracture," said head coach Joe Patrone, through email on Monday morning. "I gave her the weekend off and we will see how she feels at practice (this week)."

"Celia in the long jump was absolutely phenomenal as she broke the old school record. In addition, she was able to clear 4-8 in the high jump before going off to the hurdles and that gave her eighth place."

The eighth place in the hurdles hurt quite a bit, literally. She started off pretty strong but in the middle of the race, the pain just became too much.

"It's at the bottom of my ankle, the flex point," she said. "The trainer said it's probably just the impact, or maybe I stretched ligaments. He said the worse thing I could do was run it off. I tried and I wanted to finish (the hurdles). I wasn't going to run (in the finals of the hurdles) and then I thought, 'what's the worse that I can do'?"

"I knew that once I came out the blocks and if I was hurting, that I would stop. I (was fine) until I hit the fourth hurdle and then it just went downhill from there. I just wanted to finish at that point, and get across that finish line."

While she hopes to be OK for this week's Division 4 Eastern Mass Championship Meet, which for her will take place Thursday with the pentathlon, while she will also get to do the 100-meter hurdles individually, Kulis knows years from now when she looks back, despite the injury, Thursday is a night she'll always remember.

"I didn't even think (the school record) was in me. At least I have something good to come out of tonight," she said, still sporting a smile despite her pain.



Wilmington High sophomore Alexis Melvin clears a hurdle during an earlier season home dual meet. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The Wilmington High Boys Tennis team's second doubles tandem of Ryan Weinstein (left) and Srikar Mallajosyula look on as they await the ball to come back to them during an earlier season home match. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Both tennis teams blanked by Red Devils

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WILMINGTON - For a team with high expectations for the post season like the Wilmington High Boys Tennis team, Tuesday's 5-0 road loss to Middlesex League rival Burlington was most definitely not the way they would have liked to close out their regular season.

The Wildcats just couldn't seem to get anything going against the Red Devils in this one. After earning a rain shortened 3-1 win in the first matchup between the two teams, it was a much different story for the Wildcats this time around, as they lost all but one of their matches in straight sets to close out their regular season at 10-7.

"It was a disappointing way to end the regular season," Wilmington coach Rob Mailey said. "We had a couple of close matches, but it was not the way we wanted to finish."

Senior captain Anay Gandhi, who has been nearly perfect all season, dropped his first singles match by a score of 6-4, 6-2, while sophomore Anay Gandhi, who has been nearly as good as Anay all season, dropped his match by a score of 6-3, 6-4 in second singles. Junior Owen Mitchell stepped in for Sidd Karani at third singles, but despite battling valiantly, he fell by a score of 6-0, 6-3.

The Wildcats were a little better in their doubles matches, but were still unable to come up with a victory. The first doubles squad of sophomores Sarthak Tripathi and Eric Packer battled hard before coming up just short by a score of 5-7, 6-1, 6-3, while the second doubles squad of freshman Michael Smarhoff and sophomore Ryan Weinstein lost by a score 7-6, 6-1.

"The doubles teams played pretty well, but we just couldn't get the big points when we needed them," Mailey said.

While the regular season finale left a lot to be desired for the Wildcats, most of their regular season had a lot of good memories as Wilmington battled to their 10-7 record. While they were unable to repeat as Middlesex League Freedom Division champions, the Wildcats fine

season currently has them ranked fourth in the MIAA Division 3 power rankings, all but assuring them of a home match in the first round of the tournament, and possible a second home match depending on their final ranking and assuming they advance in the tournament.

But Mailey is taking nothing for granted at this point. While he knows what his team is capable of, he also knows they will need to be at their best if they hope to be successful in the post season.

"We need to practice hard over the next week and we need to work on our running to stay in shape," Mailey said. "We will play some matches against each other to stay sharp, but we have to take our mental toughness to the next level. I think we can do well in the tournament this season, but we have to improve on the way we played today."

GIRLS TENNIS

On the Girls side, the Wilmington High Girls Tennis team has struggled to get into the win column this season, posting a 1-15 record after wrapping up their regular season on Tuesday with a home loss to Middlesex League Freedom Division rival Burlington.

But despite their obviously tough season, as of this week, the Wildcats are very much in the running to earn a spot in the Division 3 State Tournament, as due to the strength of their schedule in the Middlesex League, they are currently ranked 30th in the MIAA Division 3, power rankings with the top 32 teams qualifying for the tourney.

Tuesday was an excellent example of the competition the Wildcats have faced all season long, as they suffered a 5-0 loss to Burlington. The Wildcats did not necessarily play poorly in this one, but they were unable to get much going against a very talented Burlington squad.

"Burlington was strong up and down their lineup," Wilmington coach Matt Hackett said. "They were missing a couple of starters the last time we saw them, so we knew they would be better this time around and they definitely were."

Freshman Shubangi

Tripathi suffered a 6-2, 6-1 loss in first singles, while senior Alyssa Fricia, who has had an outstanding season, dropped a tough 6-0, 6-2 decision in second singles. Junior Marni McBride meanwhile made her varsity singles debut, filling in for Carolyn Hass-Timm in third singles, falling by a score of 6-0, 6-0.

"The score might not indicate it, but Marni played well and was in a lot of points, but it is just a matter of gaining some of that experience in singles play," Hackett said. "That's what we want to be able to take out of matches like this, because there are definitely some positives despite the loss."

In doubles play, the Wildcats nearly got a win in first doubles from the sophomore duo of Maddie Benoit and Sophia LaVita, who fell in three sets by a score of 4-6, 7-5, and 5-10 in a super tiebreak third set.

"First doubles came really close to pulling the upset. It was one of their best matches of the year," Hackett said. "They were up 4-2 in the first set, but Burlington came back to take it. But instead of getting down on themselves, they bounced back really well to win the second set."

"There is a lesson to be learned from that. A lot of times if you lose that first set, it can feel like an insurmountable mountain, but if you keep battling good things can happen. I think a lot of our girls walked off the court today feeling good about the way they played even though they lost."

The second doubles team of senior Medha Pal and junior Julia Kane also battled hard in a lot of points before coming up on the short end of a 6-2, 6-1 score.

All that remains for the Wildcats now is to wait and see if they have in fact qualified for the state tournament. Many things can change between now and the time the pairings are announced, but Hackett is hoping for the best for his team.

"We will see what happens," Hackett said. "Of course, we would like to make it, but there is a lot still to be decided. The girls know where we stand, and know we are close, so now we will just wait and see."

Puccio and Kulis represent WHS as part of Women in Sports Day

Harvard Women's Basketball Head Coach (retired) Kathy Delaney-Smith, all-time winningest Ivy League Coach (male or female), provided the keynote address at The Massachusetts Celebration of Girls and Women in Sport Day (GWS Day) which was held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at the Great Hall at Faneuil Hall in Boston. This event, is a formal but fun recognition day for high school female athletes and the adults who support and inspire them. The event is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the New Agenda: Northeast.

Representing Wilmington were seniors Isabelle Puccio and Celia Kulis. Puccio is one of the captains on this year's Outdoor Spring Track team, while, she was a member of the indoor team, and served as the team manager of the cross-country team. Kulis was a captain on the field hockey team, and also a member of both the indoor and outdoor track teams.

"Isabelle and Celia were chosen to represent Wilmington High School

at the Girls and Women in Sport Day because they are strong, resilient, and respected female student-athletes," said WHS Athletic Director Mia Muzio. "Both student-athletes display all of the qualities we hope for in our student athletes. Isabelle and Celia are leaders within their sports, but also off the field and in the classroom."

Kathy Delaney-Smith is an inspirational coach, leader, and advocate for gender equity. An extraordinarily successful high school coach with a 204-31 record, Kathy helmed Harvard's Women's Basketball program for 40 seasons, developing championship teams and women who care, compete, and achieve.

The morning's celebration recognized two honored female athletes from each participating high school, and, this year, 12 participating schools have included athletes from their Unified Programs.

In addition to Delaney-Smith's keynote address, the event will also feature the recognition of the two 2022 recipients of the Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award. Honorees

are: Judy Slamin, MIAA Boys and Girls Volleyball Tournament Director (retired), and Margie Grabmeier, Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach, Hopkinton High School. The MIAA Women in Leadership Committee yearly recognizes women who have worked with distinction on behalf of the girls' sports in their communities with this prestigious award.

The morning began with several Advocates of Girls and Women in Sports addressing the gathered student-athletes and their adult leaders, including Stephanie Sibley, Vice-President of MIAA and Boyle House Principal, Malden High School and Leda Levine, President of the New Agenda: Northeast.

The Gubernatorial Proclamation announcing that Friday, May 20, 2022, is recognized as Girls and Women in Sports Day in Massachusetts was read. After the award presentations and keynote speech, the honored student-athletes made their way across Great Hall stage to receive their certificates.



Wilmington High seniors Isabelle Puccio, left, and Celia Kulis, right, participated in the annual Women in Sports Day held in Boston on Friday. (courtesy photo).

Smith, Gracia and Franklin Pierce go down swinging - defeated in East Regional

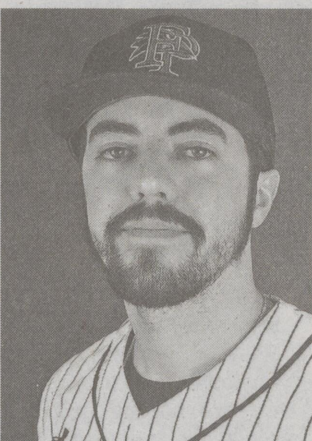
When an NCAA baseball regional is pushed to its limit, the story is often written on the mound, with neither team having an easy route to 27 outs. Sunday was no different, as the sixth-seeded Franklin Pierce University baseball team locked horns with second seed, host and No. 20/23 nationally-ranked Molloy in the decisive game of the NCAA Championship East Regional. The gutsy pitching performances came early and they came often at Mitchel Athletic Complex. In the end, Molloy -- which came through the winners' bracket -- had just a few more bullets left in the chamber, and posted a 6-4 victory over the Ravens, to advance to next week's Super Regional.

Two local players have been instrumental in Franklin Pierce's successful season and trip to the post-season. Junior outfielder Graham Smith, who was 1-for-5 with a run scored, RBI and stolen base in the loss, finished the season batting .278 with two home runs, 31 RBI, 20 walks, 19 stolen bases and 41 runs scored all in 44 games.

Fellow junior Danny Gracia finished 3-2 and a 4.42 ERA as a pitcher. He threw 38.2 innings, walked just seven and struck out 29. He started seven games and came in relief of one.



GRAHAM SMITH



DANNY GRACIA

With the loss, Franklin Pierce sees its season, and its 17th all-time NCAA Championship appearance, come to a close at 31-17, though the Ravens advanced farther in the national tournament than they had at any point since claiming the regional title in 2016.

Though the offenses combined for 10 runs, the focus was on the mound all afternoon. Molloy's fourth starter, graduate

student right-hander Brian Morrissey (2-1) went six innings on 71 pitches (52 strikes), allowed three runs (two earned) on six hits, hit one batter and struck out four.

Later, the Lions brought back their ace, junior Charlie Cucchiara inherited a pair of runners with no outs in the eighth, stranded them both and then left a runner on base in the ninth as well, to nail down his first save.

On the other side of the ledger, it was a full staff effort for the Ravens to grind through the afternoon. Seven pitchers combined to yield just six runs (five earned) despite surrendering 16 hits. Among the highlights was 2.2 scoreless innings from sophomore right-hander James Draughn in his second appearance of the tournament.

The hypothetical award for grittiest effort was reserved for sophomore Kyle Roche. The right-hander fired 104 pitches over six innings in Thursday's regional opener. Then, he came back to throw the first inning as an opener in Saturday's second elimination game. Still, Roche put himself on the board for Sunday's finale and threw the final two innings.

MIAA Football and Hoop Committees propose changes to power rankings format

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This past week, the MIAA Football and Basketball Committees met to discuss and vote on certain concerns and proposals.

Starting with last Thursday's Football Meeting, Milton head coach Steve Dembrowski, who is also the coaches representative on the Football Committee, sent in a proposal to look at using a 60-40 breakdown, with more emphasis going to wins and losses, in the new power rankings system. That proposal was approved by a 12-1 margin and will now be in the hands of the Tournament Management Committee.

"There was definitely a push from the coaches, there were teams who went 6-2 but didn't get in the playoff games because their league wasn't as good," said Dembrowski to the Boston Herald. "The current formula does work in getting the high seeds there, but the further down you go, there are some problems. If we had used the 60-40, teams like Wakefield and Revere would have gotten into the tournament."

"There is no way to regulate your schedule, every conference and/or league has a different number of

teams in them. Some teams don't have eight games because no one wants to play. Putting (the 60-40) in there puts more value in winning and that will help teams in the second half of the bracket."

On Tuesday, the Basketball Committee had a virtual meeting and the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Tournament Management Committee that the margin of victory be trimmed from 10 points to one. The one-point margin of victory would also put more emphasis on wins and losses when it comes to the power rankings system.

A second motion was passed in which the state quarterfinal games will be moved to neutral sites, as opposed to the higher seed getting home games all the way to the state semifinals.

Also, the committee agreed to adopt the new National Federation of State High Schools Association (NFHS) rule regarding a 35-second shot clock and a 20-second reset as opposed to the current numbers of 30 and 18 seconds. Tewksbury Memorial High School Athletic Director Ron Drouin opposed this saying that the game would slow down more.

Rams Track Teams compete at CAC Meet

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DANVERS - After wrapping up their regular season with a pair of victories last week, the Shawsheen Tech Boys and Girls Track and Field teams resumed their post season schedule this past weekend, with several members of each team heading to Essex Tech for the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship meet on Saturday morning.

Both squads got several outstanding individual performances on the day as they battled the extreme heat as well as the fierce competition from their CAC rivals. The boys earned a third place finish in the six team field, scoring 89 points on the day, while

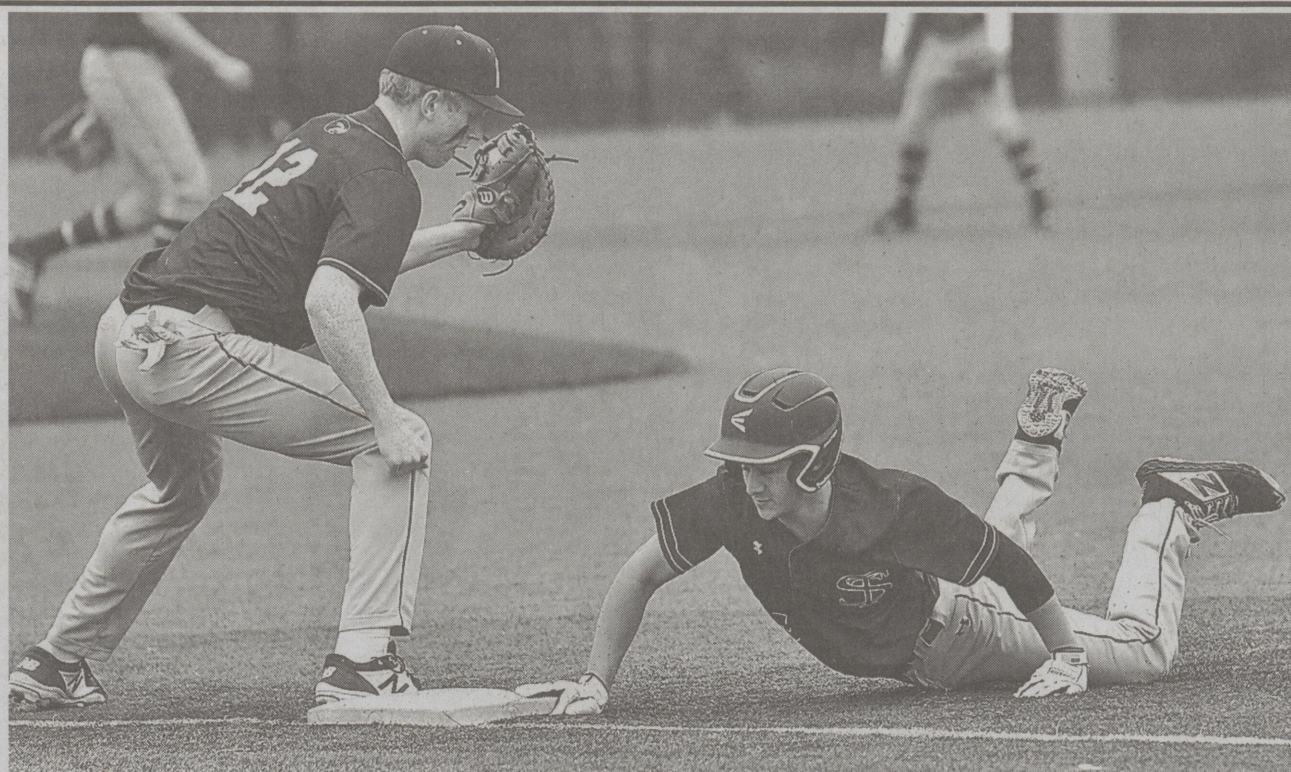
the shorthanded girls squad finished in sixth place with 37.33 points, despite many in their small contingent of athletes having strong finishes.

The third place finish by the boys, which saw them finish behind first place Greater Lawrence's 156 points and runner up Greater Lowell's 117 points, was a big step forward for this still young and improving team.

"That was not bad at all," Shawsheen coach Joe Gore said. "Obviously we were battling the heat just like everyone else, and a lot of our kids were competing in their first league meet, so to get third place was pretty impressive. It was a rewarding feeling for a lot of the kids."

Leading the way for the

TRACK B8W



Shawsheen Tech's Ryan Santini, of Wilmington, gets back to first on a pick-off attempt during an earlier season home game against Essex Tech. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Rams Baseball team crowned league champions

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BILLERICA - Heading into the season, the Shawsheen Tech Baseball team had several goals for themselves, including qualifying for the state and vocational tournaments. But right at the top of the list of the things they hoped to accomplish was defending the Commonwealth Athletic Conference title they had won last season.

Last Thursday in a road game against CAC rival Whittier, the Rams made sure there would be no doubt as to who the best team in the CAC was, rolling to a 20-0 victory over their league rivals to improve to 15-1 overall on the season and 10-1 in the CAC, clinching that second consecutive title in the process.

For Shawsheen coach Brian McCarthy and his players, it was a moment of great satisfaction knowing they had accomplished their goal.

"It was great to see how the hard work paid off for this group of young men. They have worked so hard this season, and to see it pay off with another CAC title is awesome for them," McCarthy said. "There were a lot of seniors that graduated last year, but still, we had a good core group of players coming back. They were able to lead this new group and teach them how we work here at Shawsheen and what we needed to do in order to be successful."

"I give a ton of credit to

the team for working hard all pre-season and the throughout the whole grind of this year - they never complain. They just put their heads down and go to work. We talk about that all the time here at the Tech. That hard worker mentality is something we love here in our student-athletes. And this team has it."

Shawsheen was led to victory over Whittier by an explosive offensive performance, banging out 16 hits on the day, with every batter in the lineup getting at least one hit and scoring one run. Junior Mavrick Bourdeau led the way at the plate for the Rams, with three hits, including a three run home run in the second inning. Bourdeau had four RBI on the day, with three runs scored.

Sophomore catcher Brendan Lee also had a big day at the plate, with three hits, three runs scored and four RBI, while senior Ryan Santini of Wilmington had three hits and three runs scored. Junior pitcher Aiden MacLeod meanwhile, picked up the win on the mound, scattering two hits and striking out three in another strong effort.

With the regular season nearing its end, the Rams seem to be playing some of their best baseball of the season. While McCarthy does not necessarily want to commit to the cliché that his team is "peaking at the right time", he does acknowledge that it is great to see his squad playing so well

at such a critical time.

"Our team is playing some good ball right now. That one loss to Greater Lowell a few weeks back got us back on track and woke us up a bit," McCarthy said. "Since then, our guys have been locked in at the plate and mashing the ball. Our pitchers have been putting up some quality starts and our defense is sharp behind them. Two big weeks to end the season against some quality opponents - this is when we need to be playing our best ball."

The Rams continued to play well on Saturday, when they picked up a 7-3 road win over non-league rival North Reading. The Rams offense was once again clicking, as they banged out 15 hits on the day, led by senior Owen Duggan, who had three hits and an RBI on the day, while senior Shane Costello of Wilmington had three hits, two runs and an RBI. Santini and Bourdeau each chipped in to the offense as well, as each had two hits, a run scored and an RBI. Freshman Nate Galanis of Tewksbury meanwhile, had two hits and an RBI.

McCarthy was proud of the way his team kept their focus after clinching the league title, especially against a talented non-league for like North Reading.

"Once we checked the box for one of our main goals in securing the league title, we went right on to our next opponent," McCarthy said. "We need to stay focused on each

game and not dwell in the past. Our guys have been good about that this year. Here at Shawsheen Baseball, we are happy but never satisfied. That is our approach. We are happy when we win, but there's always room for improvement. Let's get better as the week goes on."

With just two games left in the regular season, a Wednesday matchup with CAC rival Greater Lawrence, followed by the season finale on Friday at home against non-league rival Arlington Catholic, the Rams will soon set their sights on the post season.

The Rams are currently ranked sixth in the latest MIAA Division 4 power rankings, so they will most certainly be hosting at least a first round game in the Division 4 State Tournament. They are also hoping to earn a bid and to perhaps even host a State Vocational playoff game.

"Every game counts big down the home stretch, especially with the new state power rankings this season," McCarthy said. "We would love to stay near the top of the rankings in order to secure a home game. That is so important during the post season. There are a lot of good teams in that bracket, so we need to just keep working, getting better and then play the opponent in front of us that day."

Softball team looking to get back on track and qualify for playoffs

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BILLERICA - The Shawsheen Tech Softball team has run into a bit of a rough patch in recent weeks, having lost five of their last six games, including three losses this past week. Even with their most recent rough stretch, however, the Rams remain very much in contention for a spot in the MIAA Division 3 State Tournament, with an 8-9 overall record, including a 6-5 mark in the CAC.

The Rams most recent loss came on Tuesday when they came up against a talented Bedford team, and fell by a score of 21-7 to their non-league opponents. Bedford, coached by Wilmington resident Dennis Walsh, brought a 13-2 record into Tuesday's contest and they looked very much worthy of that record against the Rams, jumping out to a 9-0 lead in the second inning and coasting from there.

The Rams did their best to respond, scoring once in the bottom of the second, twice in the third, and then finally four times in the sixth, but the Bedford bats were relentless and the Rams simply could not match them.

Shawsheen did get some fine offensive performances on the day, with sophomore Reagan Bowden going 1-for-3 with

two runs scored, while junior Mia Bisso of Tewksbury was also 1-for-3 with two runs scored. Freshman first baseman Gianna Caruso chipped in to the offense as well, going 1-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBI. Sophomore Paige Fuller of Wilmington also had two hits including an RBI triple.

Poor defense, however, did not help senior pitcher Sandra Watne of Wilmington against a strong Bedford lineup, as the Rams committed nine errors on the day.

"This was a tough one," Shawsheen coach Scott Ialuna said. "Bedford is a real talented team offensively and defensively and they were too much for us. We have our work cut out for us tomorrow too, but we are hoping to bounce back against Notre Dame."

On Saturday, the Rams had suffered a tough 12-1 loss to CAC rival Essex Tech. The Rams got eight hits on the day, but could not put anything together and never really threatened most of the day. They had multiple base runners in only three innings. Sandra Watne had two hits and the sole RBI for the Rams. Also hitting the ball hard was senior third baseman Emily Freitas, senior right fielder Paityn Rose and Freshman Alivia Imbimbo.

On Thursday of last week, the Rams had played their best game of the week, but came up just short in a 7-6 extra inning loss to defending CAC champion Whittier Tech.

The Rams, who hit the ball hard all day, went toe to toe with Whittier and fought until the final out. In the second inning, with two outs, the Rams got on the board when Caruso singled and ended up on second after the center-fielder had trouble fielding the ball. Caruso scored when freshman Lainey Powell hit a low sinking line drive that the right fielder couldn't handle.

That tied the game at 1-1 at the time. Whittier would take a 3-1 lead in the third inning, but Shawsheen would fight back to tie the score again in the fourth on Caruso's RBI single. The Rams then took the lead in the fifth, on Mia Bisso's two RBI single, but they could not hold off the powerful Wildcats, who scored once in the top of the seventh to tie the game, and then got what proved to be the game winning run in the seventh.

Watne pitched well in defeat, scattering eight hits and striking out ten batters.

"We played really well," Ialuna said. "This game felt like watching a prize fight. Both teams took

swings at each other and couldn't put the other away. Whittier showed why they are the league champs. I am proud of the fight we showed today."

The Rams, who headed into the week ranked 31st

in the MIAA Division 3 power rankings, with the top 32 teams qualifying for the tournament, will have a couple of critical games this week, first taking on CAC rival Notre D a m e Academy/Innovation

Academy on Wednesday in a road game, before hosting non-league rival Malden Catholic on Friday in their regular season finale. The start time for both games is 4:00 pm.



Shawsheen Tech senior pitcher Rita Watne unloads a pitch for the Rams during an earlier season home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



Above left, Shawsheen Tech's Caleb Caceras watches as the ball scampers away from the draw and above right, defender Ryan Dusablon works the ball away from a St Mary's player, all during an earlier season home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Rams Lacrosse team closing in on CAC League Title

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BILLERICA - With two more wins this past week, including a huge one over CAC rival Lowell Catholic on Monday, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team edged closer to capturing the CAC title, improving to 14-1 on the season, and 11-1 in the CAC.

The Rams most recent win, a 13-11 triumph over CAC rival Lowell Catholic on Monday, was their biggest of the season so far, setting up a league championship deciding matchup at Essex Tech on Friday afternoon, with each team heading into that game with just one league loss.

Both Shawsheen and Lowell Catholic entered Monday's game with just

one league loss as well, but behind the efforts of leading scorer, senior attack and captain Dylan Timmons of Wilmington, as well as a very balanced scoring attack, the Rams were able to jump out to a 7-5 lead in this tightly contested game and hang on for the close win.

The Rams, who also had a huge day from sophomore Caleb Caceres, who won 22 of 28 faceoffs, got two goals each from sophomore attacks Rich Elliot and Kyle Brouillette, as well as Caceres, along with single tallies from freshman attack Adam Priest and sophomore midfielder Kyle Gray. Priest would score the game winner for the Rams off an assist from Gray late in the fourth quarter.

Freshman attack/mid-

fielder Zack Timmons of Wilmington also added a goal for the Rams, while senior midfielder and captain Jacob Martins of Wilmington had an assist. Senior goalie Tyler Leeds made 13 big saves in net to earn the win.

Prior Monday's big win over Lowell Catholic, the Rams had a much easier time of things last Friday in a home game against CAC rival Greater Lowell, rolling to a 20-1 victory behind five goals and an assist from Brouillette, three goals and two assists each from Gray, Elliott, and Zack Timmons, three goals from Priest. The Rams also received single tallies from freshman Brayton Carbone, as well as juniors Derek Maguire and Mike Lawson, while Martins had two assists

and Caceres had one assist. Leeds made eight saves for the win.

At 14-1, Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker has obviously been happy with how the season has gone to this point, however, he does want to make sure his team remains sharp heading into the post season, where it looks like the Rams qualify for both the Division 3 State Tournament as well as the Massachusetts State Vocational Tournament.

"I am happy but also understand that many of the wins are not quality. The league is the weakest I have ever seen," Baker said. "It is a three team league, us, Essex and Lowell Catholic. So, we are trying to keep the kids focused so that they do not get false confidence

when we go into games like yesterday against Lowell Catholic and the league championship showdown on Friday against Essex. We need to continue to strive to get better each day and work hard."

The Rams will head into that all important matchup with Essex tech looking for big performances from leading scores Dylan Timmons (33 goals, 20, assists, 53 points), as well as Gray, who has 31 goals and 12 assists and Brouillette, who has 30 goals and 13 assists. Martins has led the way in terms of assists for the Rams with 22 on the season, while Lawson has chipped in with 14 helpers.

Shawsheen is currently ranked 18th in the MIAA Division 3 power rankings, with the top 32 teams

qualifying for the state tournament, so the Rams seem almost certain to qualify for the post season. The only questions that remains is where, and against whom. But regardless of the opponent, baker and his team are ready for post season play to begin.

"We bounce around in the rankings. We are eager to get back to tournament and State Voke," Baker said. "It would be great to move up a few and get a home game. We will see what happens. There are some really good teams in Division 3 so we will have to work hard to hopefully compete in the MIAA tourney."

Track teams compete at CAC Championship Meet

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Shawsheen Tech senior captain Adam Ippolito of Tewksbury, works through his race during an earlier season home track meet.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Rams on the day was junior Gianni Zompa, who picked up a pair of first place finishes in both the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 17.20 seconds, as well as in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:02.78. The big day at the league meet capped off a breakout season for Zompa, who had previously made his mark with the Rams Basketball team, but was new to the track team this season.

"Gianni is a first year track kid and he has been great," Gore said. "We had high expectations for him because he is a natural athlete but we did not expect this. We probably shouldn't be surprised with the way he bought in right away and he is one of our hardest workers as well. We are very proud of him."

Sophomore Zach Rogers of Wilmington had a big day as well, taking second place in the 200-meter dash in a personal best state qualifying time of 24.16, while also grabbing the runner up spot in the shot put with a throw of

39-07.

"Zach is the ultimate competitor, and he is the ultimate perfectionist," Gore said. "He is one of the most versatile track athletes I have seen. We could put him in almost any event and he would be successful. And he earned that through his great work ethic. He had a great season and a great meet."

Another one of the younger Rams, freshman Noah Brooks of Tewksbury earned a fifth place finish in the two mile, finishing in a personal best time of 11:25.18. Brooks has been improving with each race this season, and Saturday's league meet was the perfect cap to his first year of high school track.

"Noah ran really well," Gore said. "I know Coach Dan Dorazio is very high on him. He is just a great kid who shows up every single day and works hard. I can't stress enough how much those distance runners push each other every single day. We are very proud of him and he has a very bright future ahead of him."

The Rams also had several other strong efforts on the day, with freshman Sid Tildsley earning a fourth place finish in the long jump with a distance of 18-03.00 as well as a second place finish in the javelin with a throw of 126-10 and a second place finish in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:04.32.

Sophomore Matthew Ramsey of Tewksbury, meanwhile took second place in the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 17.94, while sophomore Maximus Boston of Wilmington was fourth in the high jump at 5-04.00 and freshman Ethan Melanson of Tewksbury was fifth in the mile in 5:08.47.

Sophomore Gordon Noble earned a fifth place finish in the 800 in a time of 8:25.49.

The Rams also fared

well in both relay events, with the foursome of Boston, Francois, junior Cam Camelio and Tildsley taking third in the 4 x 400 in a time of 3:52.97, while junior Christian Rainone of Tewksbury, junior Zach MacLaughlan, Melanson and sophomore Donald Alphonse of Wilmington were second in the 4x100 in a time of 46.74.

GIRLS FINISH SIXTH

While the Girls squad finished sixth and last in the meet, with 37.33 points, their point total did not tell the full story of how well the team performed. As was the case for much of the season, the Rams wee done in by a limited roster, however, many of the athletes who did compete fared very well in their events.

"Obviously where we placed didn't really show the talent we have," Gore said. "Coming in sixth place was disappointing for the girls, but from a numbers standpoint, if you look where we finished, we did very well in the events we competed in. It is just a numbers game."

Greater Lowell took

home the team title for the girls with 126 points, while Essex Tech, whom the Rams put up quite a battle against just a couple of weeks ago in a dual meet, took second with 95 points.

Several Rams had great

individual finishes on the day, starting with sopho-

more Arianna Farrell of

Wilmington, who was first

in the 100-meter hurdles in

a personal best time of

17.85 seconds. Farrell was

also part of the second

place 4 x100 relay team

along with Megan Steeves,

Jade Kim and Jacqui

Genetti, who finished in a

time of 54.74.

"It was another personal

record for Arianna and it

seems like she does it

every time out," Gore

said. "She is just a perfec-

tionist and a hard worker

who goes out and works at

it every day in practice. She is becoming a master at the hurdles, and she still has two years left, so she will just continue to get better. We are very proud of what she has done this year."

Freshman Amelia Matzke of Tewksbury also had a big day for the Rams, taking third place in the 800 meters in a personal best time of 2:54.80, capping off a spectacular first season with the Rams.

"Amelia was awesome. She is another one who just shows up every single day and just wants to push herself as hard as she can, and she just wants to improve," Gore said. "She takes a lot of pride in running the 800 meters and she is really becoming a master at the event. It shows that hard work pays off. She has a very bright future ahead of her."

Other Rams who performed well on the day included freshman Megan Steeves of Wilmington who was fifth in the 100-meters in a time of 13.70, while, along with her relay success, Genetti also earned a fourth place finish in the 200-meter dash in 29.23 and freshman Makayla Nolan of Tewksbury earned a fifth place finish in the high jump at 4-04.00 and a fourth place finish in the shot put with a personal best throw of 29-04.

"A lot of the girls did very well," Gore said. "Depending on what the final qualifying standards end up being for Division 4, they could have five or six kids qualify for states, which would be very impressive considering their numbers. They are a very young team, and they were very shorthanded this year. If they get some more kids, they can do very well in the future."



Gianni Zompa clears a hurdle during an earlier season Shawsheen Tech Track Meet. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

They're all grown up now

Recently, some of the Brookside Nursery School Class of 2009 (now graduating seniors) took a trip down memory lane! From left to right top: Dylan Timmons, Anay Gandhi, Tyler Rourke, Luke Vitale, Brett DeAmbrose, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Murphy, Will Alworth, Ryan Santini, Shane Costello, Adrian Trotta, Andrew Regan; from left to right bottom: Jenna Moore, Madison Ahern, Christianna Bittarelli, Kelsie Nansel, Taylor Breen, Jenna Danieli, and Emily Fothergill.

(Courtesy photo)



Tewksbury Police Log

Two Nashua residents arrested for drug possession

Monday, May 16

12:07 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver in the area of North Street. Police sent. He was out on North Street near the overpass. This party checked out and had just dropped something on his lap which caused the erratic driving.

1:36 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver at Pets Plus heading South on Main Street by Donna's Donuts. Wilmington Police Department notified. Police sent. They checked out the residence with no success. He's out with the vehicle and was spoken to. All clear.

10:06 p.m. - Suspicious vehicle in the parking lot at Livingston Street Park. Police sent and reported the operator was eating snacks.

Tuesday, May 17

11:14 a.m. - Male caller

requested to speak with an officer regarding property damage at Main Street. Police sent and officer filed a report.

12:51 p.m. - Male party came to the station and requested to speak with an officer regarding a noise complaint at Sea Auto aka First Class Auto Service. Officer filed a report.

5:09 p.m. - A 911 caller reported his bathroom was locked and he thought he heard someone moving around in there at Nolan Circle. The unit should be empty at this time. Caller was in his vehicle a silver Honda Odyssey. Police sent and reported home was secure.

5:16 p.m. - Caller reported male and female standing at Haxelwood Avenue have been there over an hour. They spoke with a female who was waiting for someone.

7:16 p.m. - Caller report-

ed someone was in the shed behind the VFW. She believed they were driving a black sedan. Police sent but vehicle gone on arrival. No one's around the shed.

Wednesday, May 18

3:11 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he believed one or two parties were attempting to break into his house at Towanda Road. Caller cannot see the parties due to a foggy window. Male did bring up a name of "Angel" as possibly being involved. Police sent. Joseph McLoud, 63, of 11 Towanda Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for second offense of OUI liquor.

3:28 p.m. - Main office from North Street reported a suspicious male that was taking photos of the children while they were loading up buses at North Street School. Caller gave the plates which doesn't come back to the describ-

ed white older model Volvo wagon. Officer filed a report.

4:26 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver going over the center line and cutting people off at Main Street and South Street. Police sent. They stopped on Main Street by St. Williams Church. Operator checked out. There were no signs of impairment and she was unsure of what the caller was talking about.

5:15 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious items were left on his property and he was unsure if it was discarded trash or drug paraphernalia. Police sent. They spoke with the caller and it was a discarded vape bottle.

Thursday, May 19

12:56 p.m. - Call from loss prevention for a female shoplifter at Walmart. Police sent. Walmart did not wish to press charges.

The male party was not trespassing from the property. Officer filed a report.

Friday, May 20

1:46 p.m. - Call for a possible suspicious male in Trull Road and Guile Avenue. Reported to be looking at house and writing in his phone. Police sent. Male was employed by Urban X Pest Control and did not have a permit. Will contact Town Hall to get a permit.

6:49 p.m. - Female caller reported a white male with red beard walking around the street yelling and calling his girlfriend's name at Rosemary Road. Police sent. Part was located and spoken to.

7:23 p.m. - Male caller reported he believed someone shot a BB through his front window at Chester Street. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, May 21

2:18 a.m. - Police out for a suspicious activity at Circle K. Latasha Stavaseth, 34, of 28 Concord St. in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged

with possess class A drugs. Vanessa Smith, 36, of 6 Midhurst Road in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possess class A drugs and possess class B drugs.

Sunday, May 22

5:19 a.m. - Clerk from Cumberland Farms requested to speak with an officer regarding a female party who has been issued a no trespassing order. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

10:18 a.m. - Police reported he will be out with two parties arguing at Main Street Commons. Police sent to assist. Officer filed a report.

11:52 a.m. - Party into station requested to speak with an officer regarding malicious damage at Wilson Road. Officer filed a report.

10 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle with possible intoxicated juvenile inside at Holiday Inn. Vehicle described as a small, tan and gray four-door sedan. Officer reported that all parties checked out and they were not juveniles.



Wilmington Police Log

Coyote reportedly observed on soccer field at Shawsheen

Friday, May 13:

9:12 a.m.: A bylaw violation was reported at Lucci's Supermarket Plaza on Lowell Street. A business owner stated someone illegally dumped carpet to the left of the liquor store. The caller had security footage which the police viewed. Police were going to attempt to notify the vehicle owner.

12:08 p.m.: A traffic complaint was reported on Woburn Street. A truck was pulled over in front of the Brookside Nursery School with lumber falling off the truck. The caller stated the driver was attempting

to reload the lumber onto the truck but was blocking the roadway. The lumber was finally reloaded and the vehicle was on its way.

6:19 p.m.: A party called to report that the train went through the crossing on Clark Street, but the lights were still flashing, although the gates came up. Keolis was on the scene.

Saturday, May 14:

9:41 a.m.: The property management at Avalon Oaks on Avalon Drive requested an officer due to a security and maintenance issue. The party stated

that it appeared someone tried to gain access to the clubhouse and office overnight.

10:11 a.m.: A police log entry was made for Avalon Drive. Armed security is on scene for the day due to an issue with a tenant.

11:38 a.m.: A resident on Shawsheen Avenue found a bag containing personal items under the tree on her property. Billerica police were notified, as the name on the card in the bag matches that of a missing male party from their town.

Sunday, May 15:

4:05 a.m.: A disturbance was reported at the Dunkin' Donuts on Lowell Street. An employee reported a customer was blocking the drive thru and was now inside yelling because of coffee that was prepared wrong. Police spoke to both the employee and customer.

12:40 p.m.: A parking complaint was reported at the high school on Church Street. Vehicles were reportedly parked in the fire lane. Several events were going on at the school and the vehicles were to be moved.

10:53 p.m.: A check of the Yentile Recreational Facility at Cross Street showed that trash was scattered all over the area

and that the trash bins were overflowing. The info was faxed to the DPW.

Monday, May 16:

1:30 a.m.: A parking complaint was received on Middlesex Avenue. A female in a black 2014 Nissan Sentra stated she was between living situations and was working at Amazon in the morning. She stated she would move to the Plaza parking lot on Main Street.

12:37 p.m.: Suspicious activity was reported at the Shell Gas Station on Main Street. A dispute occurred between patrons in the lot. Peace was restored and the patrons left the scene.

4:52 p.m.: A traffic complaint was reported at Norfolk Avenue and Carter Lane. A party called to state that a young male party was doing wheelies up and down the street on a red and white dirt bike. Police found a dirt bike in the driveway of a residence, but it was not being driven upon arrival. The juvenile there denied driving the bike in the street and the father was advised.

Tuesday, May 17:

12:14 a.m.: A structure fire was reported at Cooke's Skate Supply on Main Street. Most of the fire had been knocked down and the

building ventilated when firefighters entered. No injuries were reported. The State Fire Inspector was en route and the responsible party for the building was notified. The state police and marshall's office were on scene. National Grid and RMLD were also notified.

8:35 a.m.: A caller witnessed a dog being hit by a red Toyota on Shawsheen Avenue. The dog owner's daughter transported the dog to Mass. Vet in Woburn and the Animal Control Officer was notified. The driver of the vehicle, who was visibly upset, returned to speak to the dog owner and reportedly did try to locate the animal who ran off after being hit.

2:53 p.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on Fairmeadow Road when a resident stated a party walked into their residence. The caller believes the person is from a group home in the area. The party was described as short and in their 60s and it was stated that this was not the first incident. Police spoke with the homeowner, a staff member and the group home member.

Wednesday, May 18:

4:22 a.m.: A red 2017 Honda CR-V was involved in a motor vehicle collision with a deer with airbag deployment on I-93 Southbound at Exit 35. The fire department and state police were en route and Mass Highway was notified. The vehicle was eventually towed.

4:21 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a gray

2011 Ford F-150 and an emergency vehicle, which was responding to the above incident, occurred near Exit 35 on I-93 Northbound at the cut through to I-93 South. Both vehicles were off in the median. Three patients were transported to the hospital with the firefighter needing to be extricated from the ambulance. The ambulance was towed and state police handled the scene.

5:35 p.m.: Valdeli Cruz of 12 Colonial Ct., Apt. #8 in Stoneham was issued a summons for Marked Lanes Violation and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. The red 2006 Toyota Sienna was pulled over on Lowell Street.

Thursday, May 19:

8:03 a.m.: Suspicious activity was observed at Williams Sign on Lowell Street. Police were flagged down by a motorist regarding the activity. While several vehicles were in the lot, only one appeared to have had its catalytic converter removed.

1:10 p.m.: The administration at the Shawsheen School on Shawsheen Avenue reported a coyote was observed on the soccer field, but did not appear to be sick or injured. Police checked the area and the DPW was working on the field, but no wildlife was observed.

3:45 p.m.: An animal complaint was received at Deming Way. The Animal Control Officer was retrieving a stray cat and taking it to Kitty Angel.

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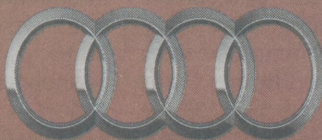
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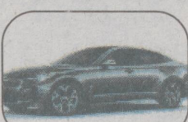
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Men' an arty horror film that stumbles in the woods

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

Somewhere in the south-west of England is a sprawling stone estate nestled along hedge-lined lanes that you can rent, complete with wood fireplaces, low oak beams, an apple tree in the yard and a room for a baby grand piano. But the listing on Airbnb, Vrbo or Booking.com might not mention one small complication: It comes with a naked dude in the yard.

This is where Alex Garland's sophisticated horror film "Men" is set. All the action takes place in and around this estate, a countryside both sublimely beautiful and yet also grimy and filthy. What Garland is exploring is nature — but not nature itself. He's after the nature of man. Not Man, but the base, sickening mankind that has proved toxic of late but has always been.

Into this 500-year estate comes Harper, a young widow from London who hasn't really processed the final moments of her marriage. She's played by rising star Jessie Buckley, pitch-

perfect in every scene, alternating anger, fear, boldness and timidity. Her Harper has booked a nice few days to unwind far away in the countryside, in nature. But she keeps coming across the nature of man.

Over 100 minutes, Harper will encounter many men — a vicar, a policeman, the house owner, the unclothed man in the yard and even a 9-year-old boy, among them — who are needy, vain, misogynistic, morally bankrupt and unkind. They all find some reason to blame Harper for something, the burden of so many women. Part of the film's attraction is that all the males are played by Rory Kinnear, a shapeshifter of the highest order. But the effect is pulled to ridiculous lengths by projecting his face on the 9-year-old's body, undercutting the whole contrivance.

The problem with "Men" isn't with the acting. It's with a script that could be described as attempting at something like arty horror and can't stick the landing. Often it is tedious, slow to build and pretentious. Garland has proved masterful

in sci-fi with "Ex Machina" and the criminally underappreciated series "Devs," but here with ancient myths, thick forests, figurative stone carvings and heavy symbolism, he's lost his way. Often, it is clumsy, like his riff of Eden. After Harper innocently eats an apple on the estate's front yard, she is reproached by the owner and we can see the future: Men being nasty. "I didn't come here to be afraid," she says, but this is the hand she's dealt.

This is a film pregnant with Big Ideas, where the visuals and music and dialogue are all heightened to an overthought level. Harper goes into a tunnel in the woods and happily creates vocal echoes — until she is thwarted by a sinister male figure. The tunnel equals uterus, we suspect. But we need more. And the film's horrific end sequence, which shows a female-less reproduction of a sequence of men giving birth to a line of bloody, unhappy men, feels too much, like a cinematic lecture about masculinity with special effects. At one point, Harper calls the police and the dis-



MEN AND WOMEN - Jessie Buckley as Harper in a scene from "Men" released by A24 Studios. This often tedious but arty horror film can't quite stick the landing. (Kevin Baker/A24 via AP)

patcher could represent all of us when she asks: "Explain what's happening, please."

Director of photography Rob Hardy, a longtime Garland collaborator, is a master at stillness and signals, capturing the beauty of a forest in one moment for its wildflowers, rain droplets in a puddle or a slo-mo dandelion in the wind, but also its terror and muck. Yet his

work is so heavy with allegory and meaning that it gets numbing.

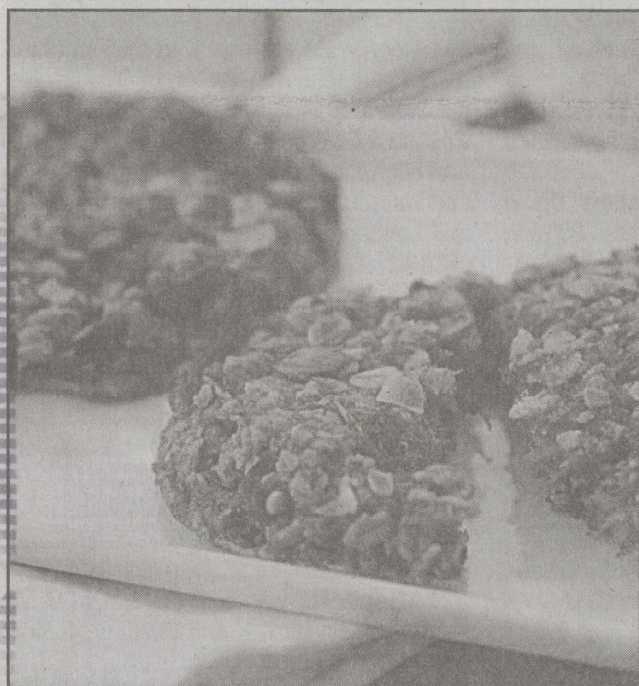
At its heart, "Men" has some interesting things to say, about grief and loss and guilt. Harper, who had a terrible fight before she lost her husband, has an unthinkable recovery ahead. But her trip to the countryside has led to a dead deer corpse with specific but opaque meaning, some W.B.

Yeats quotes thrown in there and a clown car full of nasty men, one naked. Reviewing this Airbnb offering is never going to end up with it getting five stars.

"Men," an A24 release, is rated R for "disturbing and violent content, graphic nudity, grisly images and language." Running time: 100 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

CARROT CAKE BREAKFAST COOKIES



GET GOING - Inspired by a love for carrot cake, you'll want this cookie on hand for a quick on-the-go breakfast or snack.

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Line 2 cookie sheets with cooking parchment paper.

2. In large bowl, mix eggs, carrot, oil, maple syrup and vanilla. Stir in granola, flaxseed, cinnamon and salt. Stir in raisins.

3. Using 1/4 cup measuring cup, place mounds of dough 3 inches apart on cookie sheets. Press dough to flatten to 1/2-inch thickness. (Dough will not spread during baking.)

4. Bake 11 to 13 minutes or until set. Cool 15 minutes on cookie sheet. Store in tightly covered container in refrigerator up to 3 days or up to a month in the freezer.

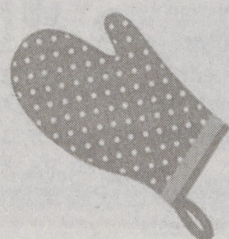
EXPERT TIPS

You can purchase coconut oil either unrefined or refined. Either will work well in this recipe. Unrefined coconut oil will give your cookies a slight coconut flavor whereas refined will not. Just be sure to measure it in its melted (liquid) form.

Cranberries or other dried fruits can be substituted for the golden raisins.

Ingredients

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup finely shredded carrot
- 1/4 cup melted unrefined or refined coconut oil
- 1/4 cup real maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups Cascadian Farm™ Farm Stand Harvest organic vanilla, coconut and pumpkin seed granola
- 1/4 cup ground flaxseed
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2/3 cup golden raisins



Vars FROM A-8

Bradley H. Jones, whose district includes part of Reading.

According to Jones, the program aims to draw attention to the state's "Medal of Liberty", a military honor bestowed posthumously to the surviving kin of men and women from Massachusetts who died in service to the country.

"The launching of the new Medal of Liberty plate provides an opportunity to not only recognize our veterans, but to all raise awareness of the medal itself," explained the state legislator, who estimates that at least 8,500 families in the state are eligible for the special honor.

"It seems many people are either unaware that the medal exists or aren't certain whether they qualify for it. My hope is that the new plate will help to change that," Jones continued.

According to Vars, the National Guard's creation of the Medal of Liberty award in 2009 was in-part motivated by a desire to recognize the sacrifices made by families like his own, which waited for years before receiving official confirmation that their loved one had died.

Arthur Vars himself received the Medal of Honor on behalf of his uncle in 2019, some 65-years after the World War II and Korean War veteran went missing in North Korea and four years after his remains were interred with full military honors by his parents graves in Everett.

A family mystery

Based upon military records maintained by the US Department of Defense's POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), Sgt. Christopher Vars was reported missing-in-action during the height of the Battle of Ch'ongch'on on Nov. 27 of 1950.

The 40-year-old, who had previously enlisted into the US Army in 1942 and been combat deployed in Burma and China during World War II, was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division during the time of his disappearance. He was officially declared dead in December of 1953.

Though specifics around Vars' actions during the battle are unknown, volumes have been written about the Chinese counterattack, which ultimately turned the tide of a Korean Conflict that had until that time been considered just weeks away from ending with a convincing U.S. and United Nations victory.

At the time, military strategists, who had quickly decimated the North Korean forces that had initially invaded South Korea, surmised the Chinese government was unwilling to enter the fray despite United Nations' forces deep advances into North Korea towards China's border.

But according to historian Richard Stewart, who in an analysis for the US Army's Center of Military History described the hellish conditions in what became known as "the Gauntlet", the battle kicked off as Vars and his fellow 2nd Infantry comrades walked straight into a surprise ambush sprung by an estimated 300,000 Chinese soldiers.

With the lines of the United Nations' Eighth Army cut in-half during

the second day of the battle, stunned and surrounded members of the the US' 2nd Infantry Division scrambled to withdraw along an exposed valley under intense enemy fire.

"The brunt of the renewed enemy attacks fell on the exposed US 2d Infantry Division," wrote Stewart, explaining the division had been cut off from the rest of the Eighth Army after their flank collapsed. "The Chinese... established roadblocks on the 2nd Division's withdrawal route. These roadblocks, combined with attacks against U.S. and [Republic of Korea] troops north and northeast of Kunu-ri, proved a lethal combination."

"As the 2d Division began its withdrawal under pressure on the morning of the thirtieth, it found itself literally 'running the gauntlet' as its trucks and vehicles were trapped on a congested valley road under fire...Soldiers were often forced to crouch in the ditches as their vehicles were raked with enemy fire," the military historian added.

Though defense department officials would later learn that Vars was in fact taken prisoner during the pivotal days-long battle, his parents were initially advised that he had likely died as his unit tried to withdraw from the massive surprise counterattack.

Given the ferociousness of the fighting, which resulted in some 4,500 casualties and the 2nd Infantry Division's loss of hundreds of trucks and artillery pieces, that initial conclusion was not surprising.

"On November 27, 1950, the 2nd Infantry Division came under attack from Chinese Community Forces (CCF), forcing them to withdraw south to more defensible positions. The withdrawing men had to fight through CCF roadblocks, and Sgt. Vars was killed during this battle," older DPAA accounts of the local war veteran's final moments read.

According to Vars and his two siblings, Amherst, N.H. resident Charlie Vars and Lockport's Ruth Janet Taylor, they were remotely aware about the loss of their uncle while growing up in Reading, where their father worked as a school custodian and later opened up a convenience store.

However, as they got older, it became clear the family patriarch had never given up on solving the mystery about what happened to his brother in the Korean War decades earlier. In fact, right before he passed away, Robert Vars reportedly reminded his three children of his wish to see his brother's remains buried near his parents' gravesides at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

"I never knew my uncle. My older brother did. He remembers playing with him as a child, but me and my sibling didn't know him. But we always knew from our family that he was out there, somewhere," Vars explained in an interview this week with the The Middlesex East.

With little hope of ever solving the family mystery, everything changed in 2012, when Vars' received a letter from the U.S. Army outlining some of the advances being made in DNA testing.

As the Reading resident remembers it, his sister jumped immediately at the chance to learn more by driving down to Rhode Island to speak with

DPAA officials. After subsequently discovering that distant family relatives from their mother's side were living in Webster and convincing them to provide a few DNA samples, both Vars and his older brother later provided their own specimens.

Miraculously, on the anniversary of their late father's birthday, the Reading natives received an unexpected phone call from DPAA confirming their DNA was a 100 percent match to the remains of U.S. soldiers unearthed in 2009 by a North Korean prison camp.

"It's basically closure for a family. He was an abstract to us because he was out there defending our nation," said Charlie Vars of the news during an interview in 2015 interview with a Boston Herald reporter. "[This ends my long] attempt to finalize a commitment I had made to my dad. Promises made, promises kept."

According to DPAA records, the remains in question had been in US custody since at least 1994, when the North Korean government returned hundreds of boxes of human remains that were recovered outside of a prisoner-of-war holding center known as "Camp 5".

Defense department officials have since corrected their records regarding Vars' previously unknown captivity.

According to older DPAA accounts, army officials had previously dismissed the possibility that Vars had been taken captive after speaking to other POWs, none of whom recalled coming across the Chelsea native.

Presently, it is still unknown exactly when and how the 40-year-old died.

"It was incredible what the military and state police did," said Vars, recalling the military honors paid to his late uncle as his remains were driven from Logan Airport to Reading back in Sept. of 2015. "They shut down the interstate on the way back and had helicopters flying over the procession...It was quite the day."

According to Jones, ever since teaming up with Vars back in 2019 to work on the special RMV license plate program, he's been amazed by the Reading resident's passion for honoring the country's veterans.

"It has been terrific to work with Arthur on this issue. He has been very passionate in his advocacy for our fallen veterans and their families," said the House minority leader. "He certainly understands what the families of our servicemen and service-women go through, knowing that they may never see their loved ones again after they're deployed. I'm very happy for him and glad that I was able to play a part in helping him achieve his vision of creating the new plate."

Those who wish to learn more about the state's Medal of Liberty program are encouraged to visit www.massnationalguard.org/images/Docs/Medal-of-Liberty-2019.pdf to learn more about the Medal of Liberty and see if they qualify for the award.

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279 Cambridge St #B4 was sold to JPDMD LLC by James W Quinn FT and Quinn, James W for \$250,000 on 05/06/22

7 Evergreen Ave was sold to Kurvankattil, Rupesh R and Parakka, Mary J by Dezso Hamvas T 2000 and Hamvas, Dezso for \$760,000 on 05/02/22

20 Mohawk Rd was sold to 20 Mohawk Rd by Nichols, Paul R and Nichols, Laura G for \$680,000 on 05/02/22

4 Paula St was sold to Mitchell, Christopher W and Abikoff, Tanya C by S J Peacock Builders Inc for \$1,565,000 on 05/02/22

LYNNFIELD

54 Highland Ave was sold to Caruso, Christopher by Manganelli, Keely and Manganelli, Matthew for \$735,000 on 05/02/22

Main St was sold to Essex Cnty Grnbelt Assn by Richardson Green Inc for \$2,710,000 on 05/02/22

321 Main St was sold to Stowell 4th, Glenn W and Trahan, Marye by Adams, Shirley for \$1,451,000 on 05/04/22

4 Mohawk Ln was sold to Clifford, Jennifer R and Clifford, Michael P by Mccarthy, Kristina L and Mccarthy, Richard J for \$1,650,000 on 05/02/22

NORTH READING

3 Burditt Rd was sold to Perrault, Shane by Gleisberg, Jeffrey N and Gleisberg, Kate for \$385,000 on 05/05/22

1 Greenbriar Dr #303 was sold to Qin, Qian and Li, Zixiu by Popalo, Robert D for \$320,000 on 05/04/22

96 Haverhill St was sold to Connolly, Ryan and Connolly, Chelsea by Brennan, Alexandria for \$630,000 on 05/06/22

21 Leland Rd was sold to Desteuben, Anthony J by Mangold, John F and Harvey, Denise for \$485,000 on 05/06/22

25 Nichols St was sold to Goyal, Gaurav K and Goel, Nidhi by Schneider, Joel S and Schneider, Karen L for \$1,400,000 on 05/02/22

13 Pine Ridge Rd was sold to Messina, Nicholas and Messina, Danielle by Premier Development Inc for \$850,000 on 05/06/22

READING

9 Browning Ter was sold to Cummings, Patrick and Cummings, Kirsten by 9 Browning Terrace NT and Merullo, Edward J for \$800,000 on 05/02/22

30 Deborah Dr was sold to Demers, Timothy J and Demers, Allison D by Digiovanni FT and Digiovanni, Joseph for \$785,000 on 05/06/22

129 High St was sold to Barsotti, Timothy and Barsotti, Jennifer S by Dinardo, James A and Dinardo, Christina L for \$1,085,000 on 05/02/22

55 Linnea Ln was sold to Berg, Diana and Berg, Benjamin by Ehrlich FT and Jordan, Joan E for \$825,000 on 05/06/22

34 Putnam Rd was sold to Partlow, Benjamin P by Gigler, Allen F and Gigler, Corin R for \$760,000 on 05/06/22

74 Wescroft Rd was sold to Duncan, Jonathon D and Black, Johanna S by Graham Jr, G Judson and Graham, Stephanie N for \$765,000 on 05/02/22

STONEHAM

28 Beacon St was sold to Brinch, Kristoffer N and Dugas, Lindsey R by Mayerson, Stuart S for \$560,000 on 05/05/22

8 Broadway was sold to 91 Glenn Street LLC by Blomley, Donna M for \$1,000,000 on 05/03/22

19 Cherry Ave was sold to Rubens, Cynthia by Warner, Ryan T and Warner, Kelly M for \$654,900 on 05/05/22

14-16 Curve Rd was sold to Soto, Christian and Soto, Ashley by Janive M Mcdermott RET and Mcdermott Jr, William P for \$805,000 on 05/03/22

15 Dean St was sold to James, Sandra L and James, Todd A by F&M Petrillo RT and Petrillo, Fredeick A for \$385,000 on 05/03/22

15 Landers Rd was sold to Haddadsisakht, Seyyedali and Iraniparast, Mahsid by Salvatore C Vaudo IRT and Vaudo Jr, Salvatore C for \$913,000 on 05/06/22

200 Ledgewood Dr #603 was sold to Mcgonagle, Barbara by Nicholas Dirado RET and Dirado, Nicholas for \$525,000 on 05/06/22

66 Main St #39A was sold to Sartor, Carole M by Powers, M Catherine for \$70,000 on 05/02/22

66 Main St #43A was sold to Rezend-Correa, Maria C by Deoliveira-Franco, P C for \$400,000 on 05/02/22

7 S Hillside St was sold to Denault, Katharine E by Chasse, Derek and Chasse, Jessica S for \$725,000 on 05/06/22

TEWKSBURY

100 Breckenridge Rd was sold to Goudreau, Taylor and Hiller, Nenita by Cyr, Linda C and Cyr, Glen A for \$690,000 on 05/05/22

100 French St was sold to 2015 Webster Road RT by Mcauliffe, Moira L for \$375,000 on 05/02/22

38 Heritage Dr #38 was sold to Rivera-Sanchez, Juan and Ferranti, Dina by Bosworth, Wendy J for \$485,000 on 05/02/22

1501 Main St #4 was sold to MPP Realty LLC by Hodgson, Thomas B for \$30,000 on 05/04/22

51 Mystic Ave was sold to Souza, Anne M by Redfinnow Borrower LLC for \$489,000 on 05/05/22

1 Patrick Rd #1 was sold to Benabed, Bouziane A and Benabed-Boulal, Chaimaa by Davis, Richard S for \$460,000 on 05/05/22

5 Patrick Rd #5 was sold to Bryan, Elizabeth A by Taber, Kevin T for \$450,000 on 05/06/22

87 Patrick Rd #87 was sold to Halikias, Efthymios and Halikias, Megan G by Crosby, Giuseppina for \$435,400 on 05/04/22

191 Patten Rd was sold to Ghimire, Ramesh and Ghimire, Muna by Fazio, Christopher B and Fazio, Andrea L for \$725,000 on 05/02/22

100 Squire Ln was sold to Teixeira, Christopher J and Teixeira, Amanda J by Despres, Daniel E and Despres, Elizabeth R for \$640,000 on 05/04/22

170 Terramor Dr was sold to Crosby, Jason and Crosby, Giuseppina by AMG Development LLC for \$824,900 on 05/04/22

11 Wescott Cir was sold to Khabbaz, Chafic and Khabbaz, Christina by Sassin, Milad N and Sassin, Hanady N for \$460,000 on 05/05/22

362 Whipple Rd was sold to Sainte, Ovide P and Sainte, Marjorie A by Wilkinson, Brian A and Wilkinson, Laura J for \$660,000 on 05/02/22

90 Worthern Pl was sold to Digiovanni,

David and Bough, Meredith by Scanlon, William J and Scanlon, Melanie A for \$950,000 on 05/02/22

WAKEFIELD

22 Bancroft Ave was sold to Mendelewski, John and Mendelewski, Elizabeth J by Zwicker, Andrew S and Zwicker, Mary J for \$685,000 on 05/03/22

194 Broadway St was sold to Meng, Hong and Li, Xiaohua by Oshea, Michael and Oshea, Dawn for \$660,000 on 05/04/22

11 Columbia Rd #5 was sold to Tekverk, Daniel G by Shotorbani, Jennifer for \$285,000 on 05/06/22

65 Converse St was sold to Gallugi, David and Gallugi, Laura B by Converse RT and Meyers, Tina for \$803,000 on 05/02/22

63 Eunice Cir was sold to Bradley, Alison and Diloreto, Robert by Bette M Baxter T and Baxter, Jeffrey C for \$543,600 04/22/22

69 Foundry St #213 was sold to Hout, Monica and Hout, Panaka by Foundry Development LLC for \$479,900 on 05/02/22

46 Line Rd #2 was sold to Laquidara, Michael and Sklar, Nicole by Powers 3rd, Ernest F for \$725,000 on 05/04/22

68 Preston St #2A was sold to Shotorbani, Jennifer by Patch, Joyce A for \$315,000 on 05/06/22

140 Prospect St was sold to Burger, Daniel and Imprescia, Olivia by Evans-Scudder 3rd, Henr and Stocus-Scudder, Kathryn for \$735,000 on 05/05/22

113 Salem St was sold to Destefano, Kyle B by Curley, Kirkland J and Curley, Timothy J for \$351,000 on 05/06/22

10 Vale Rd was sold to Oconnell, Daniel and Oconnell, Amy by Abrahamson, Daniel R and Waslick, Lauren for \$725,000 on 05/04/22

WILMINGTON

39 Adams St was sold to Theriault, Matthew R and Tarricone, Jamie L by Quilty, Matthew and Quilty, Theresa for \$610,000 on 05/05/22

3 Alice Ave was sold to Deramo, Jenna L and Deramo, Robert V by Jobrack, Alexander and Jobrack, Valerie for \$800,000 on 05/02/22

33 Dunton Rd was sold to Mabie, Cayla J and Sullivan, James D by Kloss, Reuben I and Kloss, Jennifer for \$550,000 on 05/02/22

20 Frederick Dr was sold to Schulte, Laura and Schulte, Brett by Francis J Clifford RT and Dedonato, Karen M for \$670,000 on 05/03/22

18 Heather Dr was sold to Hawkins, Lawrence E and Hawkins, Linda J by Cataldo, Dennis B and Cataldo, Theresa M for \$785,000 on 05/06/22

800 Salem St was sold to WCV 800 Salem LLC by Believe-Wilmington LLC for \$35,250,000 on 05/02/22

WINCHESTER

3 Amberwood Dr was sold to Shin, Sang H and Chae, Songwha by Pajares, Christian V and Ruiz, Elio C for \$1,455,000 on 05/04/22

7 Chesterford Rd was sold to Niederst, Emily A and Niedrest, Matthew J by Miller, John A and Miller, Denyse L for \$1,550,000 on 05/05/22

6 Chestnut St was sold to Xue, Vincent and Ma, Wenji by Keating, Gerard K and Keat-

ing, Laura A for \$1,900,000 on 05/05/22

284 Cross St #A was sold to Alper, Joshua and Alper, Gretchen by Modi, Chirag for \$1,010,000 on 05/06/22

400 Cross St #101 was sold to Pei, Fen and Zhang, Wenhao by Xue, Xiang for \$620,000 on 05/06/22

169 Forest St was sold to Khuen, David F and Khuen, Maureen D by Bronski, Matthew B and Graham, Erin K for \$910,000 on 05/03/22

14 George Rd #14 was sold to Selmanaj, Alketa and Selmanaj, Arben by Mukherjee, Shrimoti and Vedam, Venkat for \$625,000 on 05/02/22

18 Glenwood Ave was sold to Qu, Jessica and Kao, Justin by Lachapelle, Michael A and Lachapelle, Arinda R for \$1,850,000 on 05/03/22

36 Highland Ave was sold to 43 Oak Street LLC by 36 Highland Avenue RT and Oliver, Carol A for \$735,000 on 05/02/22

9 Lagrange St was sold to Lemons, Jeffrey M and Dubaz, Ornella M by Miller, C Hayes and Konicki, Catherine M for \$1,950,000 on 05/06/22

7 Ledgewood Rd was sold to Conklin, John and Park, Hyesun by Ruppert, Sarah and Ruppert, Michael for \$2,950,000 on 05/03/22

25 Myopia Rd was sold to Zhang, Yanli by Herlihy, Richard F and Herlihy, Monica L for \$2,950,000 on 05/02/22

43 Robinhood Rd was sold to Fu, Qiang and Sun, Xinxin by Palou, Pedro A for \$1,460,000 on 05/04/22

21 Sheffield W was sold to Davidson, Scott and Crosby-Davidson, Ashley by Julia Mirak Kew T and Kew, Julia M for \$2,800,000 on 05/04/22

WOBURN

118 Bedford Rd was sold to Shook, Dillon and Gottschalk, Chelsea by Jackson, Gregory M and Jackson, Brittney M for \$775,000 on 05/02/22

41 Brentwood Rd was sold to Binet, Adrien and Aragon, Sandrine by 41 Brentwood LLC for \$695,000 on 05/06/22

23 Elm St was sold to Bowler, Patrick by Brown Judith Est and Brown, Mark R for \$510,000 on 05/04/22

6 Jefferson Ave was sold to Theresa Lynn LLC by Montvale & Jefferson LLC for \$1,900,000 on 05/02/22

2 Lawson St was sold to Cialdea, Frederick and Cialdea, Bruce by Brady, Robert for \$625,000 on 05/05/22

268 Lexington St was sold to Walhekar, Tushar by Lunn Laura Est and Lacy, Christine for \$457,000 on 05/03/22

344 Lexington St was sold to Hule, Prakash A and Hule, Reyna I by Thomas J Flanagan T and Flanagan, Thomas J for \$920,000 on 05/06/22

347 Lexington St was sold to Jiang, Han by Piranosian, Hovannes and Piranosian, Ashley for \$610,000 on 05/06/22

240 Mishawum Rd was sold to JSR Woburn LLC by Service Properties T and Hargeaves, Todd W for \$9,500,000 on 05/05/22

17 Old Farm Rd was sold to Alsamarai, Mohammed and Elyafawi, Rama by Du, Mengying and Ding, Haochuan for \$1,410,000 on 05/02/22

96 Pleasant St #96 was sold to Xiao, Wen and Ma, Xiaonan by Prizio Jr, Joseph C and Prizio, Lynda A for \$1,050,000 on 05/06/22

Theatre returns to WHS with successful production of Chicago

CHICAGO FROM PAGE 1

is excellent and I understand that this is Roxie's (Lily Lake '23) first performance, and she is doing great!"

Two other audience members said that "Audrey stood out to us, there were so many talented and creative people in this show and you can feel the energy!"

Four principal cast members commented on how it feels to be back on stage since 2019.

Kaelin Healey, who played Amos Hart, said, "It feels amazing! This is my first year acting, and I'm so happy to be performing with such a great group of people!"

Grace Wiberg-Pichetti, who played bubbly report-

er Mary Sunshine, said, "It was great to be performing live! We only had 13 rehearsals, and everyone did such a great job, and it's fun to be able to do a Jersey accent!"

Actress of Velma Kelly, Audrey Curdo, commented, "It feels so nice to be performing in front of an audience again! It definitely has been long awaited. I've been acting my whole life and it has been such a great opportunity to do Chicago with all my friends!"

And finally, Lily Lake, who played Roxie Hart, remarked, "It felt pretty good to be performing tonight! It's definitely different with no masks and an actual audience out there! But I have loved do-

ing this show with the whole cast and being on stage with them!"

Overall, CHICAGO: High School Edition was a fantastic production thanks to the hard work and immeasurable talent of its cast and crew. With creative use of the space via projected silhouettes during the Hungarian Rope Trick and "Mr Cellophane" and actors interacting with audience members in the aisle.

The talent of the main cast and ensemble in acting, singing and dancing, and all masterfully put together over the span of 13 rehearsals. The LampLighters are congratulated on such a successful production, and welcomed back to the stage after so many years!

Bantam 1 state champs honored

HOCKEY FROM PAGE 1

to preserve, protect, and present Wilmington's history," said Hull.

Lilia Maselli said that it was evident how much Duggan cared about the town. Gary DePalma said he hoped to see someone carry the torch in terms of the town's history. The certificate of appreciation presented to Duggan mentioned his commitment to excellent and unselfish work.

Their third appointment was to hold a public hearing for a request by Matt McGovern for a class I vehicle sales license. McGovern explained that McGovern Auto Groups owns 19 locations and works with 18 brands of car dealerships, the Hyundai at 271 Main St. in Wilmington their latest acquisition.

He said that they try to have a good relationship with all of the communities within which they operate, which explained part of his effort in com-

ing before the board that night.

Bendel asked if there would be any new things for residents to expect at this dealership location. McGovern replied that their strategy would be more aggressive than their predecessors, so residents could expect to see the lot constantly stocked with inventory as possible in the current supply shortage.

They'd try to have at least 100 used cars at all times and return the location to the level of success it's had in previous times. He also mentioned that they would plan significant capital improvements according to the brand's image program, which might bring an expansion of service bays, but these changes would go through the regular approval process.

DePalma noted that he'd seen a lack of vehicles at this location along with a lack of attention spent on the landscaping of the lot. He also told

McGovern that the zoning in the area might be an impediment, but he suggested working closely with abutters to make the dealership more profitable than it had been previously.

Hull asked McGovern to confirm that the principal use for the license would be the sale of new cars, with used cars being incidental. McGovern did confirm that this was correct.

Hull then asked what the updated service bays would be for, to which McGovern replied saying that they could be for new vehicle warranties, used vehicle reconditioning, or any Hyundai vehicles in the area for service repairs.

Hull included that Wilmington Police Chief Joe Desmond recommended approval of the license, as did Building Inspector Al Spaulding. With those in mind, once the public hearing ended, the board voted to approve the vehicle sales license.

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Jamie Magaldi to serve as new DPW Director on July 25

MEMOS FROM PAGE 1

emergencies on the north side of town.

In response to a question from the board, he said he would make sure Magaldi includes this in official communications to residents.

As requested, there was a small update with regards to ARPA funds expenditures. DPW Director Mike Woods wrote to the board saying that they hadn't spent significant money yet. One update he shared was that they would reallocate some funds for the Lubbers Brook project away from the planned cache basin work, which would mean replacing 100 fewer cache basins.

Greg Bendel asked if a conversation could be had for how to reallocate money that wouldn't be spent in planned areas on things like the damaged ambulance.

Bendel and Kevin Caira delivered updates on the new town hall/school administration and senior center buildings, respectively. Caira mentioned in his note that the committee selected a proposed building layout for the town hall/school administration building.

After Bendel mentioned that the OPM for the senior center wanted to have a public forum for the exterior materials, Caira commented that proposed plan showed more workspace than senior center employees could fill.

KP Law's communication to the board notified them of rate increases. O'Connell said that it would have been helpful to have this information before they voted to reappoint KP Law as town counsel.

Another memo, this one from Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich, spoke to the use of KP Law for both Wilmington and North Reading in reviewing the contract for a consultant for regional housing services. Gingrich explained that this relationship where Wilmington shares an employee with several other towns for housing services has gone well, but they're looking to bring in a higher level of expertise.

The board then voted in favor of the request from Mark Reich to use KP Law for the contract review.

They also approved requests for a hawk & peddle license for Tony's Ice Cream, the disclosure of Wilmington Elderly Services employment, the license to sell wine at the farmers market, and to sign a letter recognizing Cyrus Paul Rich's Eagle Scout achievement.

A single public comment was made by resident Frank West, who gave a shoutout to the upcoming Wilmington Minutemen Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14. He also reiterated his request from earlier in the meeting regarding "tools in the toolbox" that the town could use to change its status with regard to the 10 percent affordable housing requirement.

He said that he appreciated O'Connell's efforts to bring the 79 Nichols St. project into a public meeting for residents to share their feedback.

The meeting ended with the Salute to Service. The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for June 13.

Residents, board share concerns over proposed 40B

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project, none of its units could be counted toward the town's affordability requirement.

Kevin Caira suggested that the town wouldn't be in the position where the Select Board has no right to vote were it not for that appeal.

Bendel sought additional avenues for residents to provide their feedback — one being the site walk-through by Mass Housing scheduled for May 31 — and clarification about the process.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich confirmed that the Conservation Commission would weigh in on this project along with the Zoning Board of Appeals, and that both processes could take place at the same time.

Newhouse added that they already had a delineation of wetlands on the property from a previous development, so ConCom was only needed for the notice of intent to condition the development.

Of the opinions shared by the board, they seemed to agree that the proposal was not fitting for the area. Gary DePalma commented that the area already had traffic issues and hoped that the town could find other ways to stop this project from proceeding.

Caira asked if the project could be denied by Mass Housing for issues like proposing a sewer through conservation land — to which Gingrich replied that Mass Housing's criteria was more on financial eligibility. Bendel proposed asking the applicant to commit money towards a future fire substation close by.

Bendel then started down a line of questions suggesting that there may be time for the Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the 100 West St. project in time for 79 Nichols St. to be rejected. However, if this was submitted to the ZBA before they approved West Street, then it couldn't be excluded by the town reaching the 10 percent affordable housing fulfillment.

Gingrich said their submission hinged on the eligibility letter from Mass Housing, which they expected to come back sometime in June.

O'Connell recommended that the representatives ask their clients to consider returning to the previous proposal of five single-family homes. Newhouse could only say that he would bring that back to his client, but he wasn't involved in the previous development proposal.

"My understanding is that there were also other development-related issues... it became clear to the developer that some sort of impasse had resulted," he said.

However, he noted that the developers were well aware of the timeline outlined by Gingrich for submitting to the ZBA.

The board then made space for public comments from residents, who expressly opposed the project as proposed. The first resident, Hugh Vandermark, shared that the property may have been taken in bad faith by claiming verbal power of attorney and control of the original owner's assets.

"This proposal is against what our neighborhood is all about," he said.

Some other issues he named were potential loss of property value and environmental impact.

State Representative David Robertson also stated his personal opposition based on traffic concerns. He agreed that the approval process for 40B project had flaws.

Newhouse said he didn't have data from a traffic study to share, but another resident who had been involved in a traffic study last year gave a measurement from the police department that the Nichols Street area saw almost 4,000 vehicles per day.

Frank West defended the residents opposed to Princeton Properties along with standing against the proposal. He spoke to the need for the board to step in to create other avenues for the town to keep up 10 percent affordability. Bendel responded that the board had worked to include a 15 percent affordability requirement in the inclusionary by-law. West mentioned that he had been the one suggesting that change in the first place.

Another resident mentioned that the 17 units would not be enough to meet the town's 10 percent requirements. O'Connell clarified there's nothing saying that developers have to help the town reach the requirement; it's just that once the town falls below 10 percent, any developers with 25 percent affordable units can submit a proposal.

Suzanne Sullivan spoke to what she regarded as "bashing the 10 residents" who had appealed the approval for Princeton Properties.

"I don't think you should sacrifice your water resources for [affordable housing]," she said. "You all [on the board] have been in control of development of this town... don't blame citizens for wanting to protect water."

She also named her personal efforts in creating an affordable housing plan as part of the Board of Selectmen and how the inclusionary bylaw they referenced was written in 2001 but not passed until 2017.

In addition to calling the project an "outrageous monstrosity," residents resented that they hadn't been notified about this proposal in mail or by phone. Instead, one of the abutters took it upon themselves to do so. O'Connell clarified that with short notice, they only used the agenda posted on the town website and printed at the town hall.

Hull offered anyone interested in sending feedback to use his business email address jhull@wilmingtontma.gov. He added that there would be requirements with the Zoning Board of Appeals process to notify certain abutters.

DePalma suggested residents place blame on Mass Housing for their lack of transparency in not notifying residents of the application they received from the applicant.

Newhouse ended by thanking residents, the board members, and the town manager for the opportunity to share and collect feedback.



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